



TRASHY FACTOIDS

1. In just one day, Americans toss out 150,000 tons of packaging material. This amount would fill about 10,000 tractor trailers. If all the trucks were lined up end to end, they would stretch for 120 miles.
2. Each American throws out an average of about 4 pounds of garbage a day. If you piled up everyone's daily trash together in a single giant heap, it would weigh more than 438,000 tons. Or if you managed to load it into garbage trucks, you would need 63,000 of them. Lined up end to end, these trucks would stretch for nearly 370 miles -- about the distance from Los Angeles to San Francisco.
3. Americans get rid of 250 million disposable plastic cigarette lighters, 1.5 billion ballpoint pens, and 2 billion plastic shaving razors each year.
4. Forty eight million disposable diapers are thrown away each year. If you could manage to unpeel the sticky tabs on each diaper and fasten them all together, you would have a 'diaper chain' that would stretch halfway around the world at the equator.
5. We throw out our old TVs at an amazing rate, too. About 20,000 of them end up in the garbage every day. If you stacked them on top of each other, they would reach almost as high as Mount Everest.
6. Americans get rid of 20,000 cars and 4,000 trucks and buses every day. Lined up end to end, these abandoned vehicles would stretch for about 75 miles.
7. In a single day of drinking at sporting events, Americans throw out enough beer cans and beer bottles to fill a baseball stadium to a depth of 30 feet.
8. Every day, folks in the USA throw out 43,000 tons of food. That is equal to the weight of about 50,000 compact cars.

