

TEST YOUR "TRASH TRIVIA" SKILLS

Talk about 20 questions! Listed below are 20 questions guaranteed to test your knowledge of garbage and all other types of environmental threats. Once you take this environmental IQ test, and review all the answers, you'll discover that this pop quiz is no trivial pursuit!

Perhaps the biggest incentive for taking the quiz, is that WXII-NewsWatch 12 will be selecting questions from this list for their EARTH QUIZ QUESTIONS OF THE DAY contest coming up during Earth Week, April 19-23.

If you are the first person to call in with the correct answer to WXII's Earth Quiz questions during the Noon and 6:00 p.m. news, you could win \$100 cash! So study hard!

TRASH TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- The average American generates how many pounds of garbage a day?
 - 1
 - 3.5
 - 6
 - 10
- In the past 50 years, the amount of waste discarded per person in the US has:
 - doubled
 - stayed the same
 - decreased
 - increased 10 times
- Each day, Americans throw away _____ millions pounds of edible food.
 - 1
 - 100
 - 400
 - 900
- Which of these decompose in the landfill within five years?
 - newspaper
 - carrot
 - steel can
 - none of the above
- If landfilled diapers were stretched end-to-end, they would reach from _____ to _____ 7 times in JUST ONE YEAR.
 - Des Moines to Albuquerque
 - the equator to the North Pole
 - the earth to the moon
 - New York to London

- What percent of waste in landfills is paper?
 - 72
 - 12
 - 28
 - 38
- One leaky toilet can waste more than _____ gallons of water a day.
 - 14
 - 80
 - 50
 - 3
- It's okay to throw an apple core out the car window because it's biodegradable.
 - True
 - False
- How much energy is saved by making a new aluminum can from an old one?
 - 95%
 - the equivalent energy it takes to keep a 100 watt bulb burning for 3 1/2 hours
 - not a significant amount
 - both a and b
- All plastic bottles marked with a number code inside the recycling symbol are recyclable.
 - True
 - False
- Burning solid waste to produce electricity is called _____.
 - waste-to-energy
 - trasholitic converting
 - incineration
 - garbage generating capability
- The U.S. accounts for 6 percent of the world's population, consumes 50 percent of its resources and produces _____ percent of its waste.
 - 32
 - 50
 - 75
 - 65
- Grasscycling is _____.
 - letting the clips fall where they may
 - a good way to get a natural fertilizer for no cost!
 - riding your mountain bike on the lawn
 - both a and b
- The science of garbology is excavating in landfills to learn what happens to garbage after it's been in the landfill for several years.
 - True
 - False
- Using washable plates instead of disposable ones is an example of what?
 - martyrdom
 - being old fashioned
 - recycling
 - reducing waste
- New glass containers are made from at least 30% recycled glass.
 - True
 - False
- Which is preferable to use when shopping at the grocery store?
 - paper bag
 - plastic bag
 - reusable shopping bag
 - all of the above
- The legal consequences of throwing litter out a car window and being caught are:
 - maximum fine of \$500
 - having to attend litter prevention education classes
 - one point on your driver's license
 - both a and c
- One gallon of motor oil can contaminate how many gallons of water?
 - 1
 - 10
 - 100
 - 1 million
- Newspaper can be recycled into:
 - insulation
 - animal bedding
 - new newspaper
 - all of the above

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. d
5. c
6. d
7. c
8. b
9. d
10. b The # code and the arrow are placed on the bottles only to identify what type of plastic it is. The code does not mean a container is recyclable. The two most commonly accepted recyclable plastics are the (#1) plastic soft drink bottles and the (#2) milk jugs. Other containers marked #1 and #2 and #3-#7 are not commonly recycled at this time.

AND NOW THE ANSWERS!