

GREEN FACTS



The one gallon of gasoline you used on the way here produced 19 pounds of carbon dioxide.



One American office throws away 85% of the paper it uses.



A single Styrofoam cup contains a billion molecules of CFCs that take over 100 years to break up in the ozone layer. Sioux Falls throws away nearly eight million a year. Plus over 1,200 plastic beverage bottles...every hour.



In 1997, South Dakota was #1 in waste management per person in the nation. South Dakota was also the #3 recycler with a recycling rate of 42%... But in 2001, our recycling rate dropped to 37%, and in 2003, Sioux Falls was 30% behind the national recycling average.



While South Dakota consumes more electricity generated from hydroelectric power than from any other source, we've also increased our energy consumption by over 57 trillion BTUs since 1980.



The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement pledges that a community will meet or beat Kyoto Protocol goals to combat global warming. Just one South Dakota city has signed...Huron.