

# Understanding Our Environment

## Recycling Aerosol Cans

(NAPSA)—A little knowledge may help you avoid throwing out something valuable and help the environment at the same time.

Currently, too many aerosol cans take up landfill space while the valuable steel they're made from is not being recycled and reused. Steel aerosol containers are every bit as recyclable as other steel cans.



**Yes, you can: Recycle aerosol containers as you would any metal.**

According to Greg Crawford, executive director of the Steel Recycling Institute, one reason for the disparity may be that “many aerosol products aren’t in the kitchen where a lot of household recyclables are generated from; they’re in the bathroom or other side of the house, and it creates a little bit of a disconnect.”

To help bridge that disconnect, many steel aerosol cans now have a “please recycle when empty” logo. In addition, many recycling programs, looking to maximize the diversion of recyclables from landfills, are informing consumers that steel aerosol containers are easily recyclable once empty through normal use.

For more information, see <http://recycle-steel.org>.