

## **Printer Cartridge FACTS**

- Almost 8 cartridges are thrown away every second in the United States.
- 70 percent of used printer cartridges throughout the world are currently being thrown out.
- Every year over 300 million cartridges are thrown away.
- Stacking 105 laser toner cartridges end-to-end equals the height of the Statue of Liberty.
- More than 1.1 billion inkjet cartridges are used annually around the world. Laid end-to-end this would be 129 times as long as the Great Wall of China.
- Each discarded empty laser printer cartridge adds approximately three pounds of waste to our landfills.
- 20-30% of all cartridges sold worldwide are remanufactured.
- A cartridge takes approximately 1,000 years to biodegrade.
- If the empty cartridges people throw away each year were stacked end-to-end, they would be able to circle the earth – that's over 23,860 miles!

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