

# PLASTIC RECYCLING FACTS



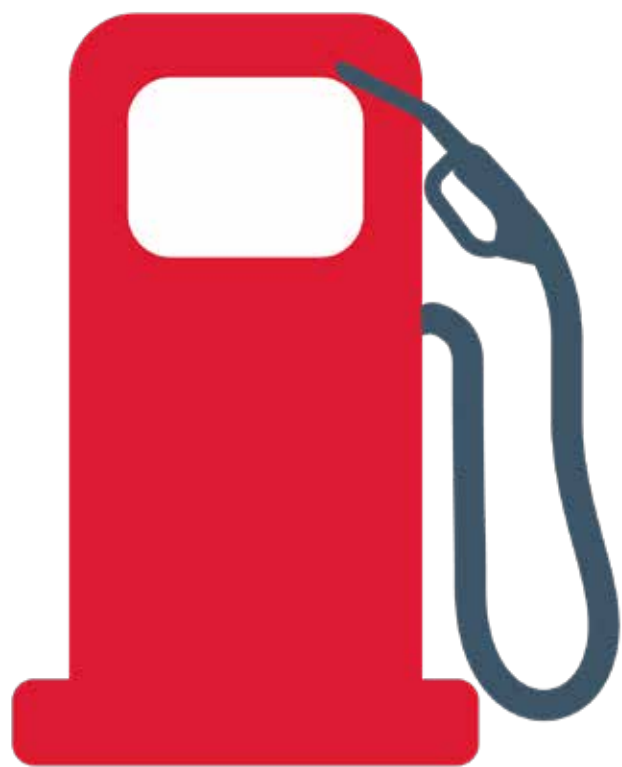
Just because it has the recycle sign does not mean it gets recycled



Recycling plastics takes 88% less energy than making it from raw materials



Only 23% of disposable water bottles are recycled



Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000 – 2,000 gallons of gasoline



The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it



When US recycling levels reach 75%, it will be the environmental and CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of removing 55 million cars from US roads each year

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