



*On average Americans replace their cell phones every 12-18 months.*

*Over 65 million cellular phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating 30,000 tons of potentially hazardous waste.*

*By 2008, an estimated 130 million cellular phones will be discarded annually in the U.S. alone.*

*Cell phones contain toxic substances including Arsenic, Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Copper, Lead, Nickel and Zinc which leach into soil and groundwater from landfills and form highly toxic dioxins & furans during incineration. These toxins have been associated with cancer and a range of reproductive, neurological and developmental disorders.*

*The cadmium from a single phone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water. (That's 2.4 million 8-ounce sodas!)*

*It takes about six hundred pounds of fossil fuels and chemicals to create the chips for one personal computer. Seventy pounds of water are used to rinse out impurities in a single chip. The amount of waste generated to produce one laptop is close to 4,000 times its weight. When you throw away a 5 pound laptop you are throwing away roughly 20,000 pounds of waste.*

*Approximately 300 million cartridges are thrown away each year! The production of a single ink jet cartridge requires 2 and 1/2 ounces of oil. That's more than 6 million gallons of oil wasted each year.*

