

## Did you know ...

1. That there are NO pens recycled in the US? ...
2. That biodegradable / corn based plastic pens are only recyclable when discarded in compost piles reaching a minimum of 145°F? ... that there are only five such locations known in the US? ... see #1 ...
3. Pens made from post consumer recycled content are typically not recyclable due to the PVC content which releases carcinogens into the landfills? ...
4. That 14,000,000 disposable pens are made daily by a single source manufacturer? ...  
... laid end to end would wrap around the world three times ...
5. That 106 Billion disposable pens are produced annually ... which equates to 662,500 tons of landfill waste ...
6. Disposable pens are thrown away 80% faster than refillable pens ...
7. That while appearing to be beneficial to the environment due to the reduced use of virgin materials, post consumer recycled content production requires more energy and processing, as well as releases more emissions than virgin materials ... see #3 ...

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Illinois Recycling Association  
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The fact that the pen was made to be disposable, made it economical and therefore, a great commodity to the industry. Today that same "disposable" mentality has now created reverse economics, requiring society to salvage the environment and expense millions of dollars to maintain overfilled wastesites.

We are located in the Black Forest of Germany and have not only made quality a priority, but for the last ten years, strived to implement and maintain the highest "green" certification available.

We believe we are the only pen manufacturer to achieve this "CERTIFIED GREEN" recognition. This status is achieved by the following factors; Conservation of Resources; Efficient Use of Energy; and Reduction of Waste and Emissions. Our headquarters, where every single component of our product is produced and assembled, utilizes wind and solar power, and 100% hydroelectric (water) power; also commonly known as renewable energy. The first and most important step of eliminating the "carbon footprint".

