FUN FACTS ABOUT TREES

An acre of trees can remove about 13 tons of dust and gases every year from the surrounding environment.

A single tree produces approximately 260 pounds of oxygen per year. That means two mature trees can supply enough oxygen annually to support a family of four!

One mature tree can absorb approximately 13 pounds of carbon dioxide per year. For every ton of wood a forest grows, it removes 1.47 tons of carbon dioxide and replaces it with 1.07 tons of oxygen.

Some tissue-making machines can produce as many as 6,000 feet of toilet tissue every minute!

Almost a third of the world's total land area is covered by forest.

There are 731 million acres of forestland in the United States – about 70% as much as when Columbus first landed in America.

A well-positioned shade tree can keep a house 20% cooler in the summer.

The average tree in an urban/city area has a life expectancy of only 8 years!

In Florida, Arbor Day is celebrated on the third Friday each January to coincide with optimal tree-planting conditions.

The oldest living tree is a *Bristlecome pine* that is estimated to be about 4600 years old! This ancient tree was growing as the Egyptians built the pyramids!

Almost 40% of our total waste consists of paper products originating from trees!

Private landowners own over seven million acres or 47% of Florida's woodlands.

Ten new trees are planted by forest landowners for each Floridian each year.

More than 270 million acres of federal land is set aside by various government agencies for use as wildlife refuge, parks and wilderness areas.

An average American uses about 750 pounds of paper every year, and 95% of homes are built using wood. That means each person uses the equivalent of one 100 foot tall, 16 inch diameter, tree every year for their paper and wood product needs.

No tree dies of old age. They are generally killed by insects, disease or by people.

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