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Environmental benefits of recycling are clear and numerous. "Recycling certainly saves valuable natural resources," Greene says. "There are so many products that can be reused. It saves space in landfills, saves energy. By and large, it's just the right thing to do." The Advanced Disposal website also mentions other benefits, including a reduction in the need to incinerate, decreased emissions of greenhouse gases, and conservation of timber, water, and other natural resources.

"If you've got a participation rate of 25 percent, then that's 25 percent of the tonnage of the waste stream that didn't go to a landfill," Collins points out. Weekly, Delta Sanitation collects over 30 tons of recycled materials in Jackson County. In the more heavily populated Harrison County, Advanced Disposal collects, on a monthly basis, anywhere from 250 to 400 tons.

Materials eventually flow back for reuse in various industries, or on shelves of grocery stores or office-supply shops, in the forms of reams of recycled paper, cardboard boxes, plastic containers, and even carpet. The list of items to potentially recycle keeps expanding: as consumers use, and then retire, more and more electronic products, e-waste has become a growing concern. The vast majority of older TVs, cell phones, and retired computers end up in storage or landfills. Advanced Disposal plans to launch an initiative soon to make a dent in this more modern form of waste flow.

The main tool for turning waste products into recycled ones, though, is education. Clark notes that working with schools correlates directly to increased residential participation. "Because students learn about recycling, and then go home and get families involved. That's the next generation of recyclers," says Clark. Indeed, these students are often eager to make a commitment to being stewards of their shared home.

## METAL ROOFS ARE ENERGY FRIENDLY

story by **Lori Beth Susman**

Metal roofing is one of the most environmentally friendly roofing options available. Along the Gulf Coast, where residents know how important a sturdy roof is, Goldin Metals is meeting the need. Goldin Metals, the original manufacturer and supplier of metal roofing on the Gulf Coast, is proud of the environmental benefits of its products.

"An energy revolution is taking place in all aspects of modern business," said Jason Goldin, executive vice president, general counsel at Goldin Metals.

"With its progression, consumers have a newfound sense of personal responsibility to the environment. People are now re-thinking construction as a key factor in a greener economy and sustainable future, and metal roofing plays a major role in this.

"By being able to supply the consumers' need for a greener product, Goldin Metals can contribute to both the environmental cause and the growth of the local economy with its extensive building and expansion projects. That is why we are so proud to be a leading manufacturer of so many styles of metal roofing for both residential and commercial business."

One of the fastest growing segments of home improvement, metal roofing is available in a full range of colors and styles. The roofing systems are durable, wind-and fire-resistant, and in most cases, houses with metal roofs never need to be re-roofed. Made from recycled materials, metal roofs are also energy efficient, helping to reduce energy costs throughout the year.