Each year, more steel is recycled than aluminum, paper, glass and plastic combined!

Even though two out of every three pounds or kilograms of new steel are produced from “old” steel, the fact that cars, buildings, appliances and bridges have such long service lives makes it necessary to continue to mine virgin ore to supplement the production of new steel. Economic expansion, here and abroad, also creates additional demand that cannot be fully met by available scrap supplies.

Steel is North America’s #1 Recycled Material

2012 Steel Recycling Rates
North America’s Most Recycled Material

Source: Steel Recycling Institute