

AGGREGATE FACTS

☼ Aggregate is a term used to describe sand, gravel and crushed rock mixtures.

☼ In the U.S. we use about 3 billion tons of aggregate every year!

☼ Every person living in Minnesota consumes about 58 pounds of aggregate per day.

☼ We use aggregate to make...

- ★ Roads, freeways and runways
- ★ Homes, schools and offices
- ★ Toothpaste, glass and pharmaceuticals



☼ We consume aggregate in the following ways:



- ★ 25% Roads
- ★ 25% Public Facilities
- ★ 25% Residential
- ★ 25% Commercial

☼ Aggregate is mined in all 87 counties in Minnesota.

☼ Aggregate resources are not distributed evenly across the state.

☼ There are three main sources of aggregate:

- ★ Sand and gravel mined from glacial fluvial or alluvial deposits.
- ★ Crushed carbonate rock mined in southeastern Minnesota.
- ★ Crushed rock mined from granite, trap rock (basalt), and quartzite in other parts of the state.

☼ In addition, “recycled aggregate” resulting from demolition of roads, sidewalks, driveways and the like can be reused in many of the same applications as mined aggregate.

