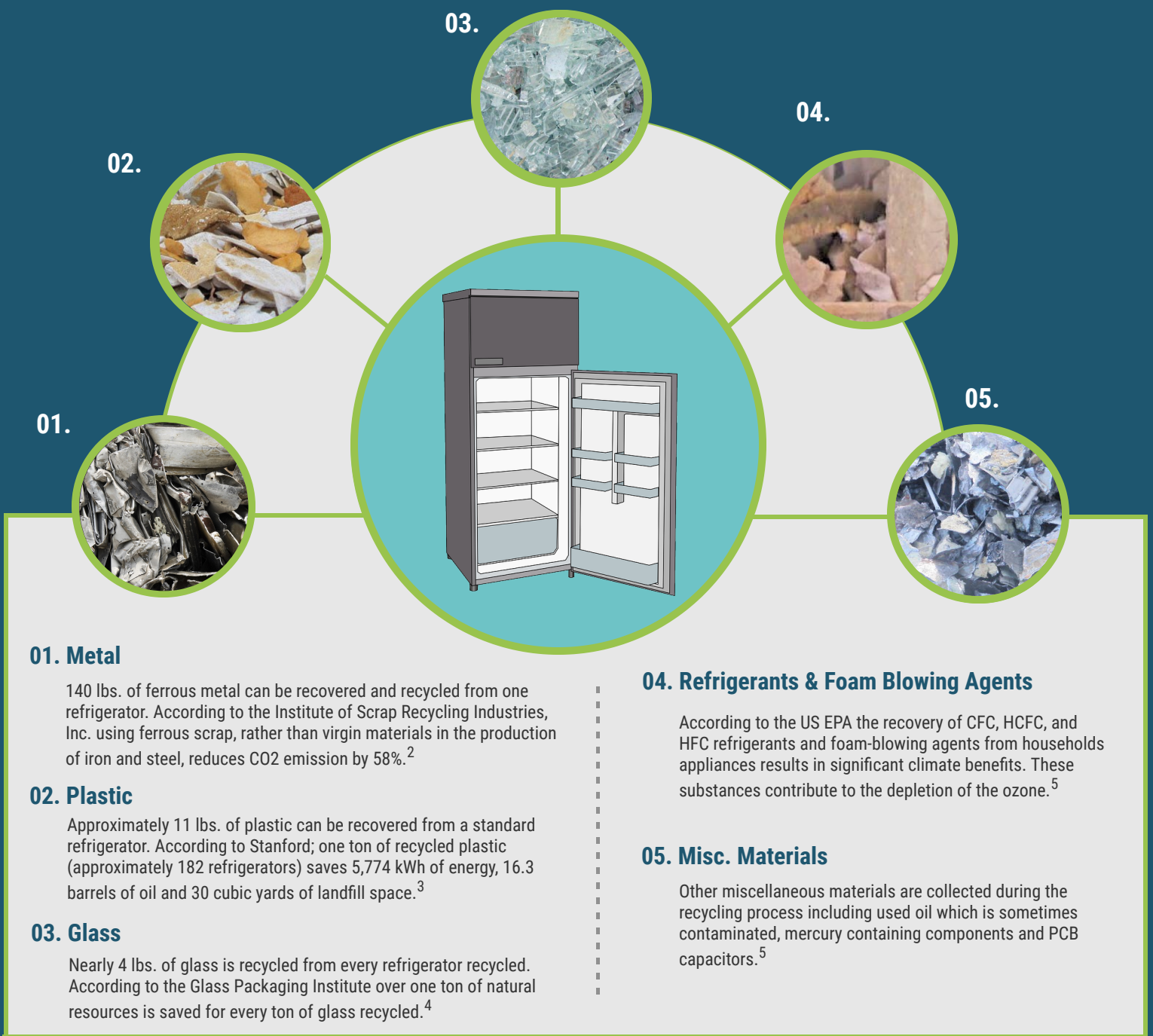




What refrigerator parts can be recycled?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "Almost all of the materials in your refrigerator or freezer can be recycled. This includes the metal cabinet, plastic liner, glass shelves, the refrigerant and oil in the compressor, and the blowing agent contained in polyurethane foam insulation."¹



Recycling Facts



Average life of a refrigerator
15 years

You should consider recycling your fridge if it is over 15 years old. A newer more energy efficient fridge will save you money on your electric bill.⁶



Your spare fridge in the garage or basement may be costing you

The spare fridge in your garage or basement could be costing you more than you think in energy. These spare units tend to be older and therefore not as energy efficient.

An estimated 40% of used appliances collected by retailers on the secondary market are put back onto the electricity grid.⁵



When a fridge is put back onto the grid it will continue to operate inefficiently, which is why it is important to have your old fridge properly recycled.

Why Recycle Your old Fridge?

- 1

Save Money

Save as much as \$260 on your electric bill over the next 5 years.⁶
- 2

Save Energy

By upgrading to a more energy efficient fridge you will use less energy.⁶
- 3

Save the Environment

Properly recycling your fridge prevents the release of ozone-depleting substances, greenhouse gases, PCBs, mercury, batteries and oil into the environment.⁵

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