

We Use a LOT of Minerals!

In a lifetime, the average American will use a LOT of stuff.
Much of this “stuff” comes from minerals.
In his lifetime, Corundum Carl will use . . .

1,600 pounds of Copper
(from azurite, malachite, cuprite)

32,300 pounds of salt
(halite)

920 pounds of zinc
(from sphalerite)

42,000 pounds of iron ore
(hematite and magnetite)

68,000 pounds of cement
(cement is made from lime-
stone, sand and gravel.
Limestone contains the
same material as calcite—
calcium carbonate)



1.7 Troy ounces of gold

5,700 pounds of aluminum
(from bauxite)

1,000 pounds of lead
(from galena)

20,500 pounds of phosphate rock

61,000 pounds of other minerals
(like gypsum, spodumene, sulfur, silver,
quartz, and fluorite)

You will use this much, too!!

*This information is from The Mineral Information Institute, Golden, Colorado.