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No Impact Week



Welcome to Waste Day - Day 2 of No Impact Week!

Did you know that on average, each American produces more than 4 lbs. of trash every day? Many communities around the country (including Statesboro) are struggling with limited landfill space and send their trash 100+ miles away. This increases transportation cost, fossil fuel use and emissions. But you can often avoid making trash if you plan ahead and think about waste when you are making purchases. Today, and for the rest of the week, we challenge you to get creative and to make no trash (excluding safety protocols required during the COVID-19 pandemic).

Statistics



THE GOOD THE BETTER THE BEST

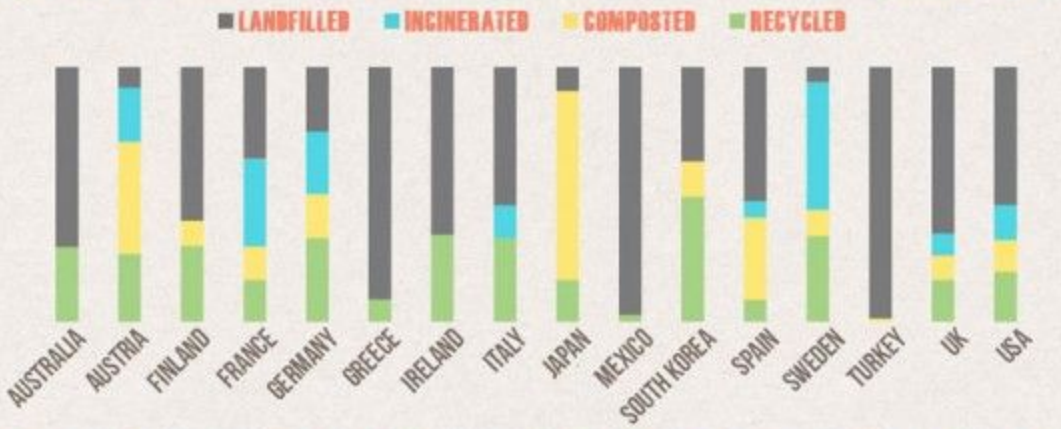


THE AVERAGE FAMILY THROWS AWAY 6 TREES WORTH OF PAPER

IT TAKES THE SAME AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO MAKE ONE NEW CAN AS IT DOES TO MAKE 20 RECYCLED CANS.



HOW ARE WE DISPOSING OF OUR WASTE?



THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF WASTE



EVERY TON OF PAPER RECYCLED SAVES...

- 7 TREES
- 3,000 POUNDS OF STEAM
- 275 POUNDS OF SULFUR
- 60,000 GALLONS OF WATER
- 350 POUNDS OF LIMESTONE
- 3.3 CUBIC YARDS OF LANDFILL SPACE

IN THE UNITED STATES, TRASH IS PRODUCED AT A RATE OF **1,609 LBS PER PERSON PER YEAR**

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE?



IF ALL OF OUR NEWSPAPERS WERE RECYCLED, WE COULD SAVE ABOUT

250 MILLION TREES EACH YEAR!



♣ = 1 MILLION



THE ENERGY SAVED FROM RECYCLING **ONE BOTTLE** WILL POWER A 60 WATT LIGHT BULB FOR **6 HOURS**.



THE ALUMINUM AMERICANS **THROW AWAY** EACH YEAR IS ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THE AUTO INDUSTRY WITH ALL THE MATERIAL IT NEEDS TO **BUILD A YEAR'S WORTH OF NEW CARS**.



STEEL CANS ARE RECYCLED IN JUST **6 WEEKS**. ALUMINUM CANS IN ONLY **ONE MONTH**.

THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD WASTES ENOUGH ENERGY WEEKLY TO POWER A TV FOR **TWO YEARS**.



 **USED PLASTIC DUMPED INTO THE SEA KILLS AND DESTROYS SEA LIFE AT AN ESTIMATED 1,000,000 SEA CREATURES PER YEAR!** 

RECYCLING CREATES **4 JOBS** FOR EVERY **1 JOB** CREATED IN THE WASTE MANAGEMENT & DISPOSAL INDUSTRIES.

RECYCLING CREATES **1.1 MILLION U.S. JOBS**
\$236 BILLION IN GROSS ANNUAL SALES **&** **\$37 BILLION** IN ANNUAL PAYROLLS

78 MILLION TONS OF WASTE MATERIAL DIVERTED AWAY FROM LANDFILLS IN 2005 AS A RESULT OF RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING.

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Challenge of the Day



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Today's goal is to make NO trash. We challenge you to reduce, reuse, and throw nothing away. Tag us in your photos with any of the following hashtags: [#recycling](#) [#recycle](#) [#reuse](#)
[#plasticfree](#) [#truebluegreentoo](#) [#NIW](#)

Activity

At-home Closet Exchange



In this At-home Closet Exchange, we want you to go through your closet and trade items of clothing with close friends and relatives in your household. This is a quick and easy way to prevent textile waste.

Things to Watch

Documentaries:

- Trash (Netflix)
- Plastic Wars [\(Youtube\)](#)

Youtube:

Click [here](#) for an "Elizabeth Cline -- The Conscious Closet Playlist" Youtube playlist created by your CfS team.

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VIRTUAL EVENT

**APRIL 5-12
2020**

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