TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SMALL CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON OUR PLANET!

WHEN YOU THROW SOMETHING AWAY, WHERE DOES IT GO?















YOUCAN DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRASH THAT IS THROWN AWAY BY **TAKING A FEW EASY STEPS:**



REUSE



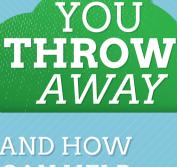
RECYCLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE



RETHINK THE MATERIALS BY THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE USING AND HOW TO REDUCE THE WASTE WE PRODUCE, WE CAN HELP CREATE A CLEANER, HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT.



AND THOSE



WHAT IS **MUNICIPAL** SOLID WASTE (MSW)?



OUR

TRASH, OR



DID YOU KNOW? ABOUT





THAT COULD BE COMPOSTED



IN 2017,

NATIONALLY,

WE RECYCLED





94 million

TONS OF MSW.



4.51 LBS IN 2017

3.66 LBS IN 1980



COMPOSTED



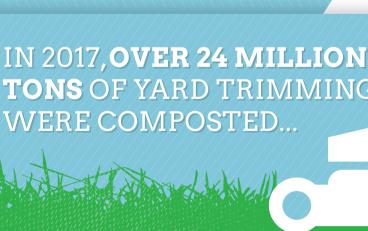
OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES, THE RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, COMBUSTION WITH ENERGY RECOVERY, AND LANDFILLING OF MSW HAS CHANGED.

WHILE THE AMOUNT OF

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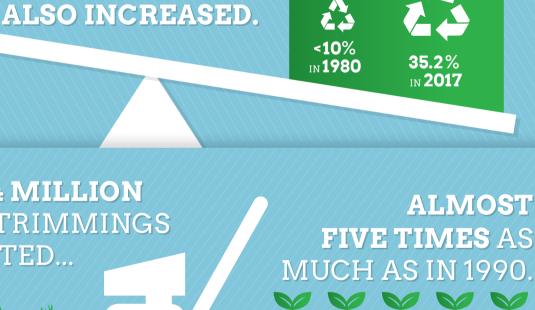
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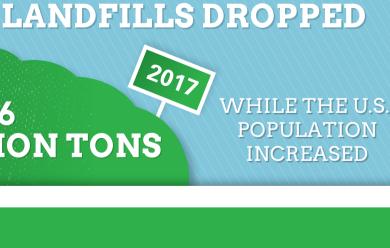


1990

TONS OF YARD TRIMMINGS



то 139.6 FROM **145.3 MILLION MILLION TONS** HOW YOU CAN HELP



THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF

MSW GOING TO

IN STORES: • Shop for products made with recycled materials. • Buy items with less packaging.

· Buy refillable, reusable containers. • Bring your own bags to the store.

(applies to food as well).

or do not print at all.

- · Buy only what you need or what you know you will use
- AT HOME:
 - · Use bags that you already have in your home and recycle bags that you no longer need if they can be recycled. • Ask to be removed from paper mailing lists.
 - For unwanted used electronics, try upgrading the device to continue using it. Otherwise, donate or recycle it. • Print on both sides of paper (and use recycled paper)

• Don't throw anything away that can be reused or repaired.

- Compost your food scraps and yard waste.

MAKE A **DIFFERENCE TODAY!**

If we all take small steps every day to reduce the amount of waste we produce, we can help protect the planet for generations to come.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/recycle.



This information is based on data from EPA's Advancing Sustainable Materials Management:

https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling

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