

Alarming Recycling Trends Haunt America

The biggest creators of trash still do the least of any country.

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America is facing an alarming recycling
crisis that is having a devastating
impact on the environment. Despite
the efforts of many individuals and
organizations, the amount of
recyclable materials being thrown away
is still far too high.



According to the [2023 report posted on Statista.com](#), only 32.6 percent of all

waste in the United States was recycled or composted in 2017. This is a decrease from the 35.2 percent rate in 2015 and is far below the EPA's goal of 50 percent. The numbers continue to plummet year by year as well. Statista.com reports, "The recycling rate dropped in 2018

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The lack of recycling is having a serious impact on the environment. The materials that are not recycled end up in landfills, where they take up valuable space and release harmful gases into the atmosphere. In addition, the production of new materials from raw materials requires more energy and resources, leading to increased pollution

and greenhouse gas emissions.

The good news is that there are steps that can be taken to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfills. Individuals can start by reducing their consumption of single-use items and recycling more of their waste. Businesses can also play a role by implementing more sustainable practices and investing in recycling infrastructure.

Furthermore homeowners can also do their part. Take the time to donate items when possible

and recycle appropriately. Make a point to find a waste management company that takes recycling. Ensure they do more than just drop off a bin and they have a good reputation of consistently picking up recycling.

[Professional junk haulers](#) make the task as they will haul away all manner of items. Investigate your [local junk removal team](#) as smaller businesses often have a stronger dedication to sorting, recycling, and donating items they pick up than national brands.

It is clear that the recycling crisis in America is not going away anytime soon. It is up to all of us to take action and reduce our waste in order to protect the environment.



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