bout 161 million tons! That's how much trash gets thrown out each year-in the U.S. alone.* That's about the weight of 10 million school buses. Then we use new resources to make new stuff. Finding those new resources is getting harder than ever, using more energy and causing more pollution.

The trash we throw out doesn't disappear-it gets burned or ends up in landfills. But much of it can be reused or recycled instead. Recycling conserves valuable
resources and prevents toxins from leaking into the environment. It also saves lots of energy and cuts down on greenhouse gases that can cause climate change.

An important part of recycling is knowing what to recycle and how to sort it. Communities have different rules about separating materials such as paper, glass, metal, and plastic. Check with your area's recycling programs. You might be amazed at how many things

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WATER BOTTLE ONE-FOURTH FULL OF CRUDE OIL. THAT'S HOW MUCH OIL IT TAKES TO MAKE A BOTTLE.

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