

Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

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Support 1

Cities are engines of economic growth. According to the EPA, in the U.S. we are currently able to keep 35 percent of our trash out of landfills and incinerators through recycling and composting. In California, we manage to keep 44 percent of our trash out of the landfill. That's a good start, but there's still a lot of room for improvement. It's important to keep as much material out of the landfill as possible because all items that we produce are made from valuable and limited resources. We want to hang onto as much of it as we can for future use.

Support 2

Recycling reduces our need for new raw materials. Extracting raw materials from the environment is expensive. It also uses up a lot of water and energy. When we recycle, we extract less, which conserves many of our precious (and finite!) natural resources, including trees, water, oil and metals. The more we recycle, the more we protect our resources!

Support 3

Recycling conserves energy. Recycling saves a lot of energy. Every year, recyclers across the country save the same amount of energy it would take to power 14 million homes for a full year. That's the equivalent of turning off the power for one out of every 10 homes for an entire year.

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