



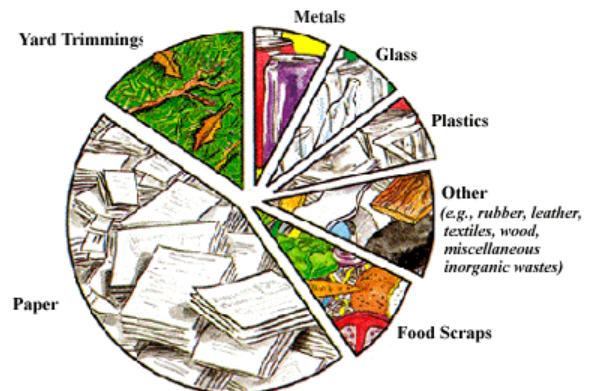
The average American generates approximately 4.6 pounds of solid trash per day. Every year, the United States generates approximately 230 million tons of trash.

That's enough to fill a convoy of garbage trucks long enough to wrap around the Earth six times!



At the consumption level of the average American, at least four additional planets worth of resources would be needed to support the planet's 6 billion inhabitants.

See what's in America's trash:



What can our offices do about it?

Reuse

- Print on **scrap paper** when possible
- Save packing **boxes** for your conferences or give them to our MASB print shop
- **Water bottles** (or bring in a cup/thermos)
- Save **napkins** and **plastic ware** (unused preferably) from catered meetings for daily office use

Reduce Use

- Print **double-sided** when possible
- Set **meetings** with washable coffee mugs and pitchers of water instead of disposable cups and water bottles
- Bring your **lunch** in washable containers

Recycle

- **Office paper** (MELG recycle service even accept windowed envelopes, staples, paper clips, and glossy paper - please no card stock or paper wrappers)
- **Newspaper** goes into a separate container but each office should have designated place
- **Pop cans** are worth \$ in Michigan - take advantage of it
- **Plastic bottles** can go to James or someone in your office that's willing to take them to a recycle facility