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?











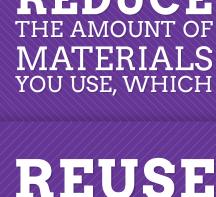


YOUCAN DRAMATICALLY



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





MATERIALS

WHEN POSSIBLE







USE

YOU



AND



CREATE A CLEANER, HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT. WHAT IS **MUNICIPAL** SOLID WASTE (MSW)?

OUR





THEIMPACT RECYCLING HELPS TO CREATE CLEANER LAND, AIR, AND WATER, AND BETTER HEALTH.







4.90 LBS IN 2018

3.66 LBS

IN 1980

IN 2018,

NATIONALLY

WE RECYCLED

PROGRESS

AND

COMPOSTED



94 MILLION

TONS OF MSW.

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

WHILE THE AMOUNT OF

MSW PRODUCED

WENT UP PER PERSON PER

DAY, RECYCLING HAS

ALSO INCREASED.



FROM **145.3**

MILLION

то 146.1

MILLION TONS IN

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF **MSW GOING TO** NDFILLS ROSE SLIGHTLY

ALMOST

INCREASED

FIVE TIMES AS

MUCH AS IN 1990.

HOW YOU CAN HELP IN STORES:

 Shop for products made with recycled materials. • Buy items with less packaging. Buy refillable, reusable containers.

AT HOME: Use bags that you already have in your home and recycle bags that you no longer need if they can be recycled.

(applies to food as well).

• Bring your own bags to the store.

• Don't throw anything away that can be reused or repaired. • For unwanted used electronics, try upgrading the device to continue using it. Otherwise, donate or recycle it.

Buy only what you need or what you know you will use

• **Print on both sides of paper** (and use recycled paper) or do not print at all.

· Ask to be removed from paper mailing lists.

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.