## 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?

















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



REUSE

MATERIALS

WHEN POSSIBLE

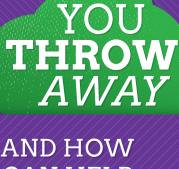




YOU USE

THOSE

AND



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

## **OUR**



TRASH, OR

MUNICIPAL



THEIMPACT RECYCLING HELPS TO CREATE CLEANER LAND,

PROGRESS







OUR

NATIONALLY,

WE RECYCLED

IN 2018,

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.

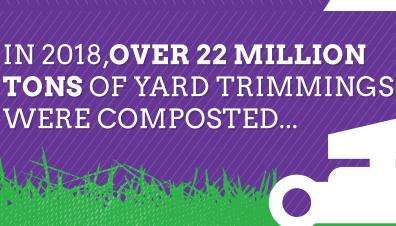
WHILE THE AMOUNT OF

**MSW PRODUCED** 

**WENT UP** PER PERSON PER

DAY, RECYCLING HAS

ALSO INCREASED.



4.90 LBS IN 2018

3.66 LBS

IN 1980

то 146.2

MILLION TONS IN

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

**ALMOST** 

INCREASED

FIVE TIMES AS

MUCH AS IN 1990.

IN STORES:

FROM **145.3** 

**MILLION** 

 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

(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

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

continue using it. Otherwise, donate or recycle it. • **Print on both sides of paper** (and use recycled paper)

that you no longer need if they can be recycled.

• Ask to be removed from paper mailing lists.

- or do not print at all. 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.