When you throw something away, where does it go?

Every year, Americans create 251 million tons of trash, but it doesn’t have to end up in landfills and incinerators.

You can dramatically reduce the amount of trash that is thrown away by taking a few easy steps:

- Reduce the amount of materials you use, which reduces the amount of waste you create.
- Reuse materials whenever possible.
- Recycle the materials you use and those you throw away.

Make a difference today!

If we all take small steps every day to reduce the amount of waste we produce, we can help protect our planet for generations to come.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/recycle.

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