

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?



/// BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO //

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 WHEN POSSIBLE



RECYCLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE



RETHINK
THE MATERIALS

YOU USE

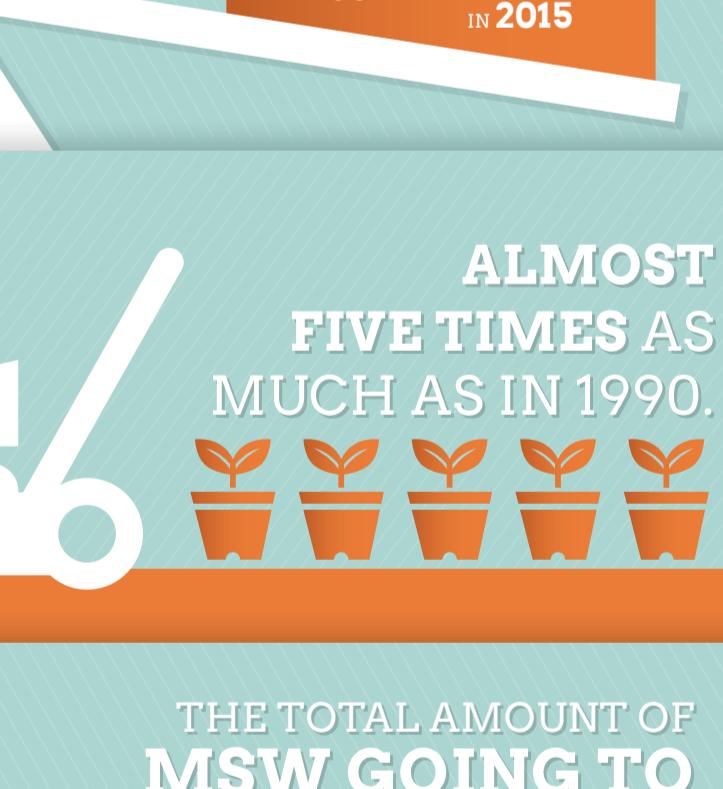
AND THOSE

YOU THROW AWAY

BY THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE USING AND HOW TO REDUCE THE WASTE WE PRODUCE, WE CAN HELP CREATE A CLEANER, HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT.

WHAT IS MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE (MSW)?

OUR TRASH, OR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, IS COMPRISED OF VARIOUS MATERIALS CONSUMERS CONTINUOUSLY THROW AWAY AFTER BEING USED.



MSW DOES NOT INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL, HAZARDOUS, OR CONSTRUCTION WASTE.



DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT 76% OF FOOD

THAT COULD BE COMPOSTED

ENDED UP IN LANDFILLS

RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING HELPS SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES.

OUR PROGRESS



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.



IN 2015, OVER 21 MILLION TONS OF YARD TRIMMINGS WERE COMPOSTED...

ALMOST FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS IN 1990.



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