

The Recycler

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The Great Escape From Waste

Astounding Facts about Waste in America

- 🍁 The United States produces more than 250 million tons of waste each year. That's the equivalent weight of 42 million adult elephants!
- 🍁 Approximately 75% of waste can be recycled, but only about 30% actually is.
- 🍁 12% of the planet's trash is produced by the United States.
- 🍁 The average American throws out 5 pounds of trash every day.

Over 14 million tons of still-usable clothing, shoes, and textiles make their way into landfills each year.



Some "Food" For Thought

The U.S. discards 120 billion pounds of food every year, more than any other country in the world.

It is estimated that nearly 35 million people across America (including 10 million children) suffer from food insecurity.

Waste and Water

The average family can waste 180 gallons of water per week, or 9,400 gallons of water annually, from household leaks. That's equivalent to the amount of water needed to wash more than 300 loads of laundry.

Recycling helps save water – one ton of paper can save 7,000 gallons of water.

Sustainability Month

Film - Single Use Planet

Join us for a waste reduction movie focused on the consequences of plastic production on October 14th from 7-8:30 PM in Olscamp 115.

Tree Planting on October 15 and 22

Join us in the planting of multiple trees on campus!

Scan the QR code to check out the rest of our many events!




Electronic Waste Recycling

At BGSU, we recycle all types of batteries, electronics, and ink cartridges through the Office of Campus Sustainability. Go to our website to find out more: bgsu.edu/ewaste



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