

COMPOST & RECYCLING GREEN ACTIONS

COMPOSTING

- if you have space, try backyard composting
- consider [worm composting](#), indoors
- sign up for curbside composting
- backyard or curbside not an option? Sign up for the [Beverly compost drop-off station](#)
- use biodegradable trash bags

RECYCLING

- unsure of what can be recycled, use our tool
- keep recycled materials as clean as possible
- recycle electronics (follow Green Beverly Events for upcoming events)
- [recycle textiles](#)
- recycle glass, metal, paper/cardboard, plastic curbside
- recycle single use plastic bags at local grocery stores
- recycle styrofoam (follow Green Beverly Events for upcoming events)
- take hazardous materials to hazardous drop off site/event (follow Green Beverly Events for upcoming events)
- look for local recycling drop-off sites (i.e. [Unpacked Living](#)) for non-traditional items
- reduce junk mail

OTHER STUFF

DONATE, SWAP OR SELL

- take items no longer needed to Beverly Bootstraps
- consign clothing at local consignment shop (Worthy Girl & The Golden Hanger)
- donate, swap and/or sell on local marketplaces like FB Marketplace, Craigslist

REPAIR OR REPURPOSE

- repair those worn shoes to get some more life out of them
- mend worn/ripped clothing

Resources:

Local Repair Businesses:

- Gagnon's shoe repair, Beverly
- Fashion Tailoring in Beverly

Local Consignment Shops:

- The Golden Hanger:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Women-s-Clothing-Store/The-Golden-Hanger-175996082440361/>
- Worthy Girl: <https://worthygirlshop.com/>

Local Thrift Shop:

- Donate to Beverly Bootstraps
<https://www.beverlybootstraps.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Lobby-thrift-donation-flyer-10.21.pdf>

Recyclopedia tool on Green Beverly website <http://greenbeverly.org/recycling>

Textile recycling locations: <https://www.beverlyma.gov/821/Textile-Recycling>

Plastic Bag recycling locations: <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

Recycling boxes at Unpacked Living <https://www.unpackedliving.com/>

Reducing Unwanted Mail: <https://www.boston.gov/take-action-climate-change#waste->

Online group forums:

- Zero Waste MA FB page (started by our local, Sabrina @ Unpacked Living)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1995989053803715>

Stats & Information

51% of trash that goes into landfills (food scraps, paper, yard trimmings & wood) is compostable (source: <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/01/150122-food-waste-climate-change-hunger/>)

Landfill methane gas emissions are 28-36 times more potent than CO₂ relative to global warming (source: <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/understanding-global-warming-potentials>)

Reducing waste generation to 1990 levels could reduce emissions by 11.6 million metric tons (MMT).

Increasing US recycling rate from its current level of 28% to 35% would reduce emissions by 9.8 MMT.

The sum of these reductions (21.4 MMT) equal the average annual emissions from electric usage of roughly 11 million households (source: https://archive.epa.gov/region4/rcra/mgtoolkit/web/html/climate_change.html)

For every one ton of trash you produce, the equivalent of 71 tons of manufacturing, mining, oil and gas exploration, agricultural, coal combustion and other discards are produced! (Institute for Local Self-Reliance and GrassRoots Recycling Network, 2000. Wasting and Recycling in the U.S. p.13. Based on data reported in Office of Technology Assessment, Managing Industrial Solid Wastes from manufacturing, mining, oil, and gas production, and utility coal combustion (OTA-BP-O-82), Feb. 1992, p.7, 10.)

Food loss and waste is a growing problem in our modern society. The amount of food Americans throw away each year is staggering. In 2017 alone, more than 40 million tons of food waste was generated, with only six percent diverted from landfills and combustion facilities. EPA estimates that more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in our everyday trash, constituting 22 percent of discarded municipal solid waste.

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/wasted-food-programs-and-resources-across-united-states>)