

There's Gold in Your Garbage

This black gold is called "compost". Compost is made when bacteria and fungus organisms break down kitchen, lawn and garden wastes. Compost is a crumbly humus, an excellent soil conditioner.

Compost can be made in the backyard using methods that include forming a simple pile, a trash can with holes in it, a wire mesh circle, or any number of manufactured bins and tumblers.

Basic compost is made from nitrogen producing materials such as grass clippings, leaves, sawdust and small tree branches. These wastes are combined in a stack with kitchen wastes such as coffee grounds and egg shells.

Waste is used to produce energy

Waste Management Corp. uses methane gas extracted from the Two Pines Landfill in Jacksonvillle, Arkansas to produce enough electricity to supply 4500 homes.

Recycled materials are now America's largest export by volume. Countries such as China use our trash to produce cheap energy.

Recycling Timeline

500 B.C.—Athens established the first city dump.

1690—first paper recycling mill opened in Philadelphia.

1897—first recycling center established in New York.

1900—US cities used "piggeries" where pigs ate household garbage.

1974—first curbside recycling program started in Missouri.

1992—first drive thru recycling center in Arkansas is opened in Jacksonville.

2008—Moviegoers slurp jumbo sodas and munch bucketfuls of popcorn while watching Wall-E, a movie about a trash compactor.

The Recycling Education Park is co-sponsored by the Jacksonville Public Works Department and Keep Jacksonville Beautiful.



The Recycling Education Park



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