

Source: Characterization of MSW in the US: 1996 Update, US EPA, Washington, DC

WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, 1960-2000 (in pounds per person per day)

| | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Generation | 2.68 | 3.25 | 3.66 | 4.33 | 4.34 | 4.42 |
| Recovery for recycling/composting | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.35 | 0.74 | 1.17 | 1.33 |
| Discards after recovery | 2.51 | 3.04 | 3.31 | 3.59 | 3.17 | 3.09 |
| Combustion | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.33 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.72 |
| Discards to landfill | 1.69 | 2.36 | 2.98 | 2.89 | 2.47 | 2.38 |
| Population (in millions) | 180.0 | 204.0 | 227.3 | 249.4 | 262.8 | 274.6 |

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WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, 1960-2000 (as a percent of generation)

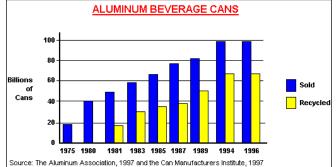
| | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Generation | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Recovery for recycling/composting | 6.4% | 6.6% | 9.6% | 17.2% | 27.0% | 30% |
| Discards after recovery | 93.6% | 93.4% | 90.4% | 82.8% | 73.0% | 70% |
| Combustion | 30.6% | 20.7% | 9.0% | 16.2% | 16.1% | 16.2% |
| Discards to landfill | 63.0% | 72.6% | 81.4% | 66.7% | 56.9% | 53.7% |
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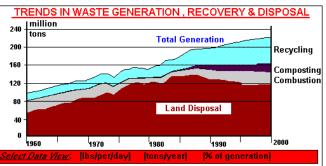
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MAJOR TYPES OF PLASTICS BY S.P.I. CODES

| SPI CODE 1 | TYPE OF RESIN PET -Polyethylene terephthalate | EXAMPLE PRODUCTS Soft drink bottles, medicine containers | % OF PLASTIC 0.5% |
|---------------|---|--|----------------------|
| 2 | HDPE- High-density polyethylene | Milk and water bottles, detergent bottles, toys | 21% |
| 3 | PVC - Polyvinyl Chloride | Pipe, meat wrap, cooking oil bottle | s 6.5% |
| 4 | LDPE - Low-density polyethylene | Wrapping films, grocery bags | 27% |
| 5 | PP-Polypropylene | Syrup bottles, yogurt tubs, diapers | 16% |
| 6 | PS- Polystyrene | Coffee cups, "clamshells" | 16% |
| 7 | Other | | 8.5% |





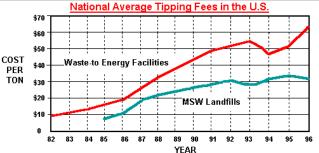
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WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, 1960-2000 (in millions of tons per year)

| | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Generation | 88.1 | 121.1 | 151.6 | 197.3 | 208.0 | 221.7 |
| Recovery for recycling/composting | 5.6 | 8.0 | 14.5 | 33.8 | 56.2 | 66.6 |
| Discards after recovery | 82.5 | 113.0 | 137.1 | 163.4 | 151.9 | 155.1 |
| Combustion | 27.0 | 25.1 | 13.7 | 31.9 | 33.5 | 36.0 |
| Discards to landfill | 55.5 | 87.9 | 123.4 | 131.6 | 118.4 | 119.1 |
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Sources: BioCycle Magazine, Resource Recovery Yearbook, Waste Age Magazin

Facts About **Plastic**

A one gallon HDPE milk container that weighed 120 gms. in the 1960's, now weighs just 65 gms.

Over 25% of all plastic bottles and nearly 20% of all plastic containers were recovered in the US in 1995.

The amount of plastic waste generated has been increasing by about 10% per year for the past 20 years!

About half of all American households have access to a plastics recycling program.

Source: Society of the Plastics Industry, 1997

ALUMINUM RECYCLING RATES

