

Earth Day Essay
Leland and Gray

Vermont

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Did you know that in 2021 Vermonters produced 639,835 tons of waste? Vermont is a pretty unpopulated place compared to the size of many cities and other states. It's mainly known for its cheese, maple syrup, and cows.

Only 35% of waste is recycled in Vermont, that's not even half. We should recycle and compost more. If we recycled more it would give us so much more benefits such as reducing climate change, conserving energy and landfill space.

When you recycle make sure everything is empty and cleaned out. Aluminum, steel, glass, paper and cardboard are banned from landfills so make sure to recycle them. Garbage, food waste, windows and mirrors cannot be recycled.

Composting can help the environment too, composting is an easy way to turn waste into an unusable waste. Composting helps the environment by protecting the climate because it reduces the methane emissions from landfills. Food scraps can't go into landfills because it takes too long to decompose.

We should all do our part to keep Vermont healthy and clean! By composting, recycling, not littering and picking up litter and throwing it out or recycling it properly we can make a difference.

Resource:

<https://www.osea.com/littering-destroys-Earth>

<https://blogs.ntu.edu.sg/hp3203-2017-07/impacts-on-humans/>