

When did recycling start in America?

- In the 1800's there wasn't any sort of firm type of recycling such as bins or sorting, or trucks taking care of recycling. Yet without any of this, people were way better at it than now.
- Garbage pickup didn't start until the 19th century, at that time cities started separating reusable trash and garbage.
- In the 1920's not much was being recycled apart from metals and scrapyards

<https://www.history.com/news/recycling-history-america>

- In earlier times, people had no other choice than to reuse in order to save time and possible lack of money.

Recycling Fact

Disposing items in recycling bins doesn't necessarily guarantee that those items will be used and recycled, and those recycling bins may be mixed in with garbage trucks

Misinformation can play a significant role in the uncertainty or confusion in people recycling.

Fun Fact: In 2023, a landfill in Georgia was filmed mixing recycling with trash. Due to misleading information some U.S. residents are starting to not put as much effort or care to recycle.

Recycling Fact

Recycling isn't the number one answer to dealing with climate change. There are many other things that can be done and even though recycling is a starting point and good way to put thought into dealing with climate change.

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2024/02/does-recycling-actually-help-the-climate/>

Fun Fact:

It takes 60 days for an aluminum can be recycled and made into a new can, and be put back on store shelves.

https://recyclingpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2024/05/SORR_Methodology-1-1.pdf

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