

## RECOVERED PLASTIC VALUE RISING



Recycling centers collecting plastic are seeing a rise in purchase prices. The price for baled HDPE (milk jugs) in the eastern part of the country has increased about 60 percent in the past several months, selling at 40 cents per pound. The value of PET (soda bottles) is at a three-month high of 11 cents per pound, which is up about 20 percent.

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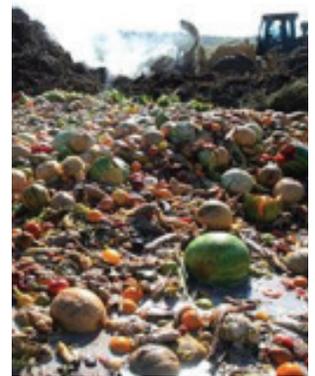
## GOVERNMENT TARGETS FOOD WASTE

The U.S. government has called for a 50% reduction in food waste by the year 2030 with the goal of conserving natural resources and decreasing production of gasses that promote climate change.

The waste happens across the supply chain. It starts at the farms, then distributors/grocers, and finally the individual homes and restaurants. All together, we toss out 31% of our food supply. This waste costs the U.S. \$218 billion annually.

*Tips to decrease food waste at home:*

- Plan meals and purchases by creating menus.
- Make smaller, more frequent trips to the grocery.
- Create standardized date labels for food expiration or “eat by” dates for leftovers.



## WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?



Climate Change is real, urgent and global challenge.



Human activities like electricity production & transportation add significant amounts of carbon pollution to the atmosphere.



Carbon pollution, along with other greenhouse gases, is the primary cause of most of the global temperature rise over the past 50 years.

### IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



Rising sea levels



Melting glaciers



Shifting rainfall patterns

## CCD Holiday Schedule

*There will be no collection of waste or recyclables:*

**Independence Day:** Monday, July 4

**Labor Day:** Monday, September 5

All collections following a weekday holiday will be delayed one day, with Friday collections moved to Saturday.



# CLEAR CREEK



## Detroit Icon Turns TRASH TO CASH

General Motors has turned trash into \$1 billion in new revenue by recycling and reusing. GM is taking manufacturing byproducts, and reusing them, according to the company.

At the end of last year 90 of GM's manufacturing operations (53%) and 41 nonmanufacturing operations were land-fill-free. At these waste-free sites, about 89 percent of waste products are reused or recycled and about 9 percent are incinerated for energy recovery.

The company estimates that it kept more than 2.1 million metric tons of waste out of landfills. That saved the company millions.

Next the auto giant stopped pitching vehicle parts with slight blemishes, and instead sells them on a secondary market. GM also turns employees' recycled water bottles into noise-reducing fabric insulation covering car engines. This eliminates a waste disposal cost, and the need for virgin materials—a double savings.

Fortunately, GM is sharing its ideas in the downloadable guide The Business case for Zero Waste, which details best practices in an effort to help companies generate revenue from waste byproducts.

## FUN SUMMER REUSE PROJECT FOR KIDS



## THE ENERGY STAR DIFFERENCE

If just **1 in 10 households** used ENERGY STAR certified cooling and heating equipment we would prevent annual greenhouse gas emissions of **13 billion pounds**.

Equivalent to the emissions from **1.2 million cars**.

