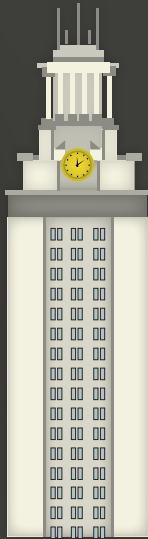
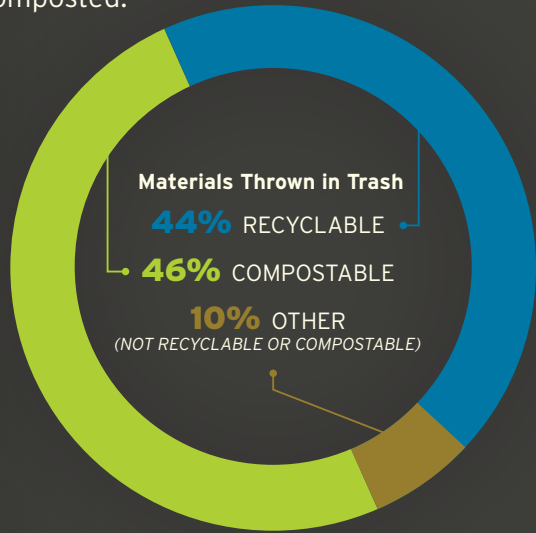


WHAT'S IN OUR TRASH?



Austin Resource Recovery recently completed a study to find out just that.

The results may be surprising! The report notes that 44 percent of residential trash collected by City of Austin crews and going to the landfill could have been recycled. An additional 46 percent of the waste could have been composted.

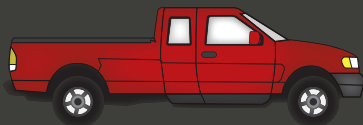


58,000 TONS OF RECYCLABLES ARE GOING TO THE LANDFILL EACH YEAR

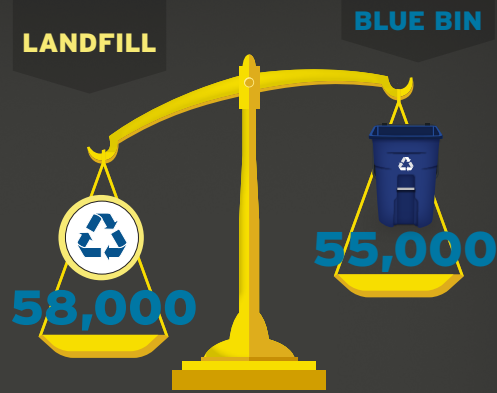
DID YOU KNOW? RECYCLABLES THAT ARE THROWN AWAY COULD FILL THE UT TOWER 29 TIMES EACH YEAR

Market value of **RECYCLABLES** going to landfill = about **\$4.7 million** per year. **61,000 tons** of **COMPOSTABLES** are going to the landfill each year.

THAT'S ENOUGH **COMPOST** TO FILL MORE THAN **94,000 FORD F150s** EVERY LITTLE BIT ADDS UP!

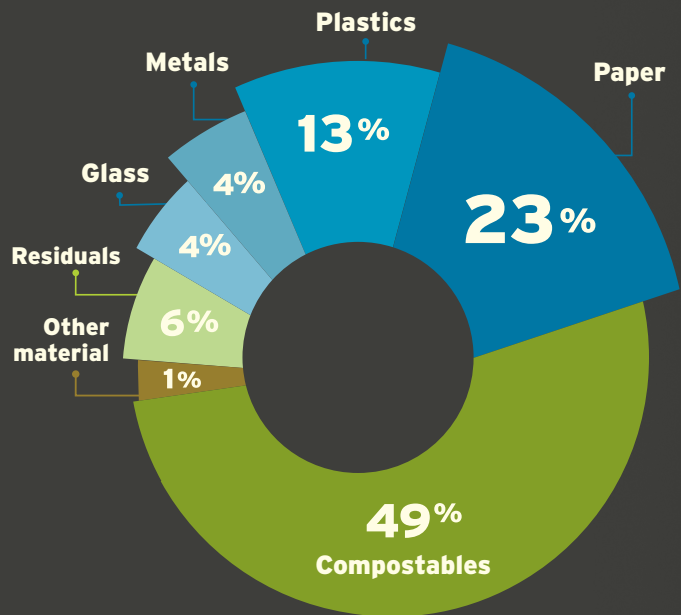


More recyclables are going to the landfill than are being recycled in residents' blue recycling carts.



WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN RECYCLED?

Once the trash was sorted out and weighed, the study found that paper was the recyclable item that was thrown away most often. Here's how the numbers add up:



Paper 23 %: Office paper, receipts, junk mail, envelopes, cardboard, boxboard, newsprint, magazines, wrapping paper (non foil), greeting cards.

Plastics 13 %: Bottles, buckets, cups, flower pots, jars, tubs, totes and lids.

Metals 4 %: Soda cans, aluminum baking pans and trays, aluminum foil, steel and tin cans

Glass 4 %: Bottles and jars

TAKE STEPS TO RECYCLE EVERY DAY, EVERYTHING AND EVERYWHERE

- Have questions about recycling? Visit austinrecycles.com and look up more than 200 items on our improved tool: What do I do with...
- Send us your questions! Post them on <http://www.facebook.com/austinrecycles> or email us at daretogozero@austinrecycles.com.
- Look for a comprehensive **RECYCLING** guide in your home mailbox this month.