



Waste and Opportunity 2020: The Search for Corporate Leadership

50 CORPORATIONS RANKED ON PLASTIC PACKAGING POLLUTION



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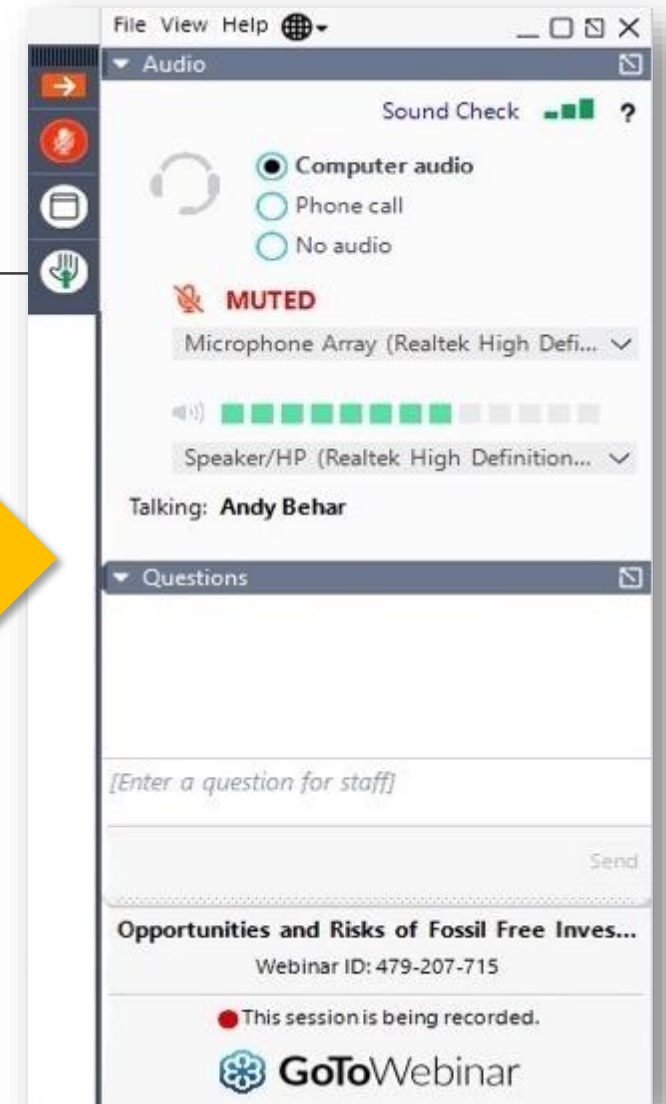
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Plastic Pollution: A Growing Global Crisis



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Report Presentation



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Los Angeles River, Long Beach, CA

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THE SIX PILLARS OF SUSTAINABLE PLASTIC PACKAGING



1: PACKAGING DESIGN

Prioritize sustainable delivery systems, alternatives to plastic packaging, and designing packaging to be reusable, recyclable, and compostable. Packaging must be compatible with collection and recycling systems.



2: REUSABLE PACKAGING

Prioritize reusable or refillable packaging systems and low to zero-waste models for single use packaging.



3: RECYCLED CONTENT

Establish programs and commitments to increase the use of recycled content in plastic packaging.



4: PACKAGING TRANSPARENCY

Disclose key metrics: weight and units of all packaging and all plastic packaging generated; use of recycled content.



5: SUPPORTING RECYCLING

Support research and funding for fixing recycling infrastructure. Work towards reducing packaging impacts within the broader systems of collection and processing.




6. PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Support deposit and producer responsibility programs to dramatically increase recycling rates and provide adequate feedstock for recycled content goals.



Findings, Pillar 1: Packaging Design

Leadership Action: Nearly half of companies have goals to make their packaging reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

-  – Plastic reduction

Challenges: Prioritization of disposable packaging & use of materials for which recycling infrastructure does not exist.

- Only 2 companies have goals to reduce the amount of plastic they use.

Recommendations: Prioritize redesign for reuse, then recyclability.



Findings, Pillar 2: Reusable Packaging

Leadership Actions: Nearly half of companies have a reusable pilot

- **ABInBev** &  – Reusables Goals

Challenges: Only 2 companies can associate a significant portion of revenue to reusables


- Lack of industry culture change around the importance of transitioning to reusables.

Recommendations: Scale pilots and set metrics-based goals to increase use of reusables.



Findings, Pillar 3: Recycled Content

Leadership Actions: 17 companies commit to use more recycled content in the next ten years.

-  – Will pay a recycled content premium

Challenges: Only 5 companies using 5% or more recycled content

- U.S. lacks enough feedstock to meet recycled content demands

Recommendations: Support producer responsibility schemes that result in greater availability of recycled content, and commit to paying a premium for recycled plastics.



Findings, Pillar 4: Data Transparency

Leadership Actions:

-  – Discloses 8 of 10 metrics

Challenges: Increased corporate disclosure on metrics keys to tracking plastic pollution prevention.

- Only 3 companies report units sold
- Only 4 companies report recycling donations as revenue

Recommendations: Companies should set goals to comprehensively report on packaging data.



Findings, Pillar 5: Supporting Recycling

Leadership Actions: Most companies have taken some form of action to support recycling

- The Recycling Partnership and Closed Loop Partners

Challenges: \$12 billion will be needed to fix recycling and only 7% has been raised to date.



- No company donates 1% of annual revenue to recycling infrastructure

Recommendations: Companies must significantly increase the funds they contribute to improving US recycling infrastructure, up to 1% of annual revenue.



Findings, Pillar 6: Producer Responsibility

Leadership Actions:

-  &  – Support producer responsibility

Challenges: Lack of collective support for producer responsibility.

- Worst corporate performance of any pillar.

Recommendations: Companies must support – and publicly encourage their peers to support – producer responsibility and deposit legislation.



Big Companies, Low Grades

Number of Companies Receiving the Grade



COMPANY	OVERALL GRADE
Unilever PLC	B-
Nestlé Waters NA	C+
Nestlé	C+
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	C+
Coca-Cola Co.	C+
Procter & Gamble	C
Diageo PLC	C
Keurig Dr Pepper	C
Johnson & Johnson	C-
McDonalds	C-
Clorox Co.	C-
Starbucks	C-
Anheuser-Busch InBev	C-

Target Corp.	D+
Kellogg Co.	D+
PepsiCo	D+
Walmart Inc.	D+
Campbell Soup Co.	D+
Kimberly-Clark Co.	D+
Wendy's	D+
General Mills	D
Tim Hortons	D
Heineken Co.	D
Kroger Co.	D
Dunkin' Brands	D
Mondelēz International	D
Burger King	D
KFC	D
Molson Coors Beverage Co.	D
Monster Beverage Corp.	D
Costco	D-
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.	D-
Kraft Heinz Co.	D-
Pizza Hut	D-
Taco Bell	D-

Dean Foods	F
Hershey's Co.	F
Conagra Brands Inc.	F
Whole Foods Market	F
Pilgrim's Pride Corp.	F
Hormel Foods	F
Papa John's	F
Smithfield Foods, Inc.	F
Tyson Foods, Inc.	F
J.M. Smucker Co.	F
Boston Beer Co.	F
United Natural Foods	F
Domino's Pizza Inc.	F
Jack in the Box	F
National Beverage	F



Data Visualization Example: Unilever PLC

B-

Packaging Design

A

Reusable Packaging

C

Recycled Content

B

Packaging Transparency

C-

Supporting Recycling

B

Producer Responsibility

A

Failed Sustainable Packaging Commitment

No Penalty

Packaging Design A

Indicators

- Goal to make company-wide reductions in plastic packaging or all packaging materials YES
- Goal to reduce company-wide virgin plastic use in packaging YES
- Goal to design packaging to be 100% recyclable, compostable, or reusable YES
- Actions to reduce packaging materials or increase packaging recyclability YES
- Broad statement to reduce packaging waste or increase packaging recyclability YES

Reusable Packaging C

Indicators

- Company generates 15% or more of annual revenue with reusable packaging products NO
- Goal to increase company wide reusable packaging delivery methods NO
- Actions or pilot programs to utilize reusable packaging YES
- Company has broad statement to support reusable packaging actions YES

Recycled Content B

Indicators

- Company currently uses 5.0% or more of recycled content in company-wide plastic packaging NO
- Goals to use recycled content in company wide plastic packaging YES
- Use of recycled content in some types of plastic packaging YES
- Actions to source fiber from recycled or responsible sources YES
- Statement or actions to increased recycled content YES

Packaging Transparency C-

Indicators

- Reports tonnage or volume of all packaging materials YES
- Reports tonnage or volume of plastic packaging YES
- Reports units of all types of packaging NO
- Reports units of plastic packaging NO
- Reports percentage of packaging made from any kind of post-consumer recycled content NO
- Reports percentage of packaging made from post-consumer recycled plastic YES
- Reports percentage of all packaging that is reusable, recyclable or compostable NO
- Reports percentage of plastic packaging that is reusable, recyclable or compostable YES
- Reports percentage of sales that uses reusable packaging NO
- Reports percentage of annual sales revenue that is dedicated to supporting end-of-life infrastructure NO

Supporting Recycling B

Indicators

- Company donates 1% or more of revenue to support recycling infrastructure NO
- Company makes some donations to support recycling infrastructure YES
- Company does research activities to support recyclable packaging YES
- Company coordinates with retailers or consumers on recycling and reducing waste YES
- Company has projects to improve end-of-life instructions on packaging YES
- Company participates in actions to support recycling or reduce packaging pollution YES

Producer Responsibility A

Indicators

- Invests in solutions to capture at least as much waste as they produce YES
- Supports extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes YES
- Goal for products to be properly recycled at the end-of-life (EOL) YES
- Company statement recognizing that packaging waste is a company's responsibility YES
- Company works with stakeholders for at least shared responsibility solutions YES

Failed Sustainable Packaging Commitment

Indicators

Failed Sustainable Packaging Commitment [No Penalty = Green for Good Performance, Penalty = Red for Bad Performance] No Penalty



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Comment & Analysis



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Comment & Analysis Topics

- **Notable positive actions**
- **New metrics to hold companies accountable**
- **Composting infrastructure**
- **Flexible plastics**
- **Chemical recycling**
- **Recycled content**
- **Fixing recycling**



Panelist Presentation



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We aim to set the global economy on an irreversible path towards a future where plastic never becomes waste.

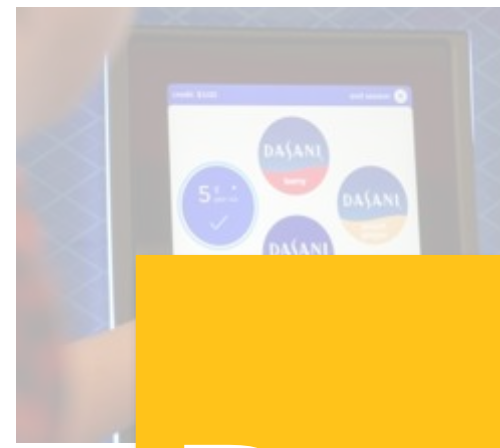


The new plastics economy vision

- 1** Elimination of **problematic or unnecessary** plastic packaging through redesign, innovation, and new delivery models
- 2** **Reuse models** are applied where relevant, reducing the need for single-use packaging
- 3** All plastic packaging is **100%** reusable, recyclable, or compostable by design
- 4** All plastic packaging is reused, recycled or composted **in practice**
- 5** The use of plastic is fully **decoupled** from the consumption of **finite resources**
- 6** All plastic packaging is free of **hazardous chemicals**, and the health, safety, and rights of all people involved are respected



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69 examples of reuse solutions



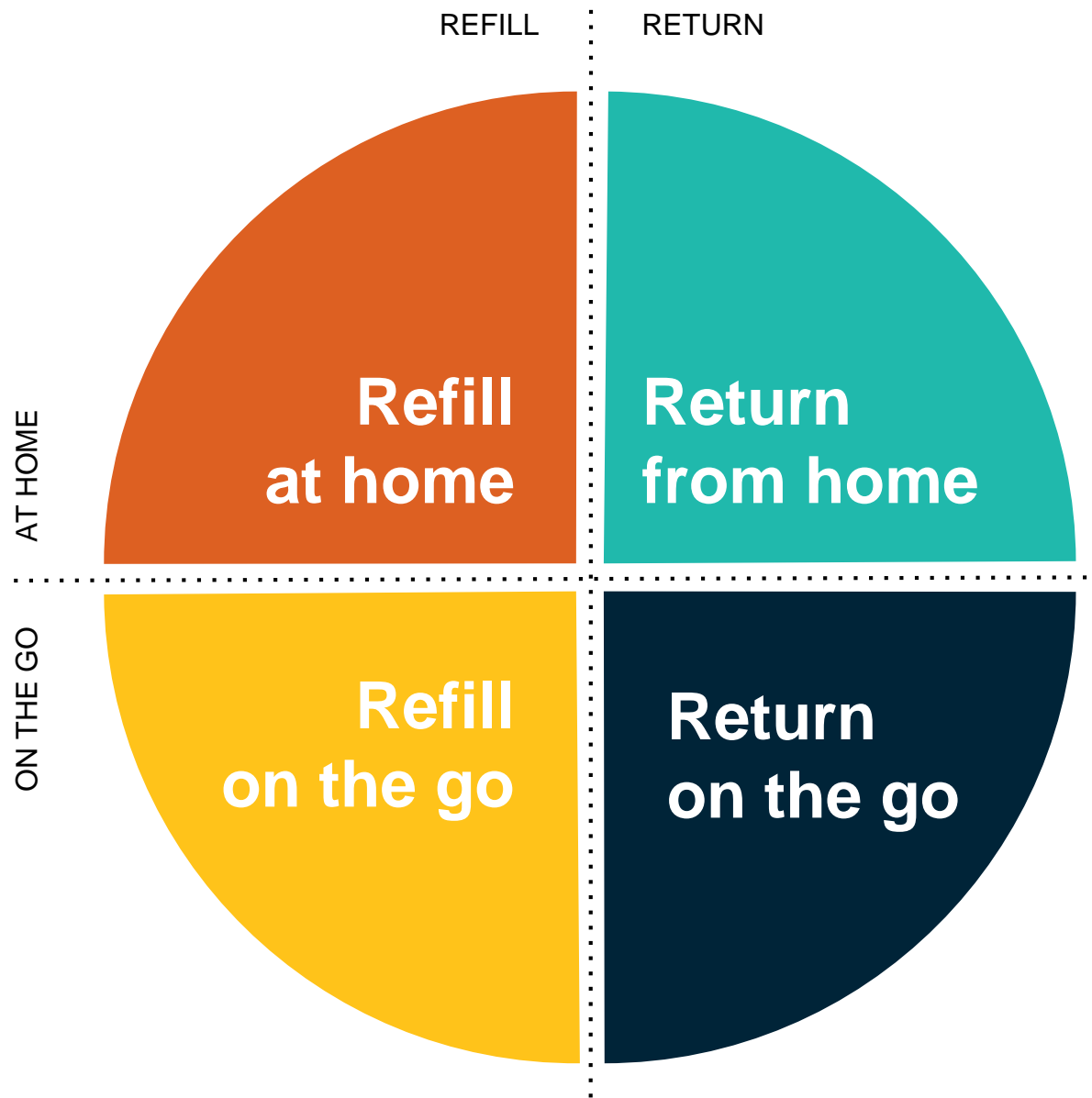
Reuse

Rethinking Packaging





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REFILL



RETURN



Refill
at home

Return
from home



AT HOME

ON THE GO



Refill
on the go

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on the go

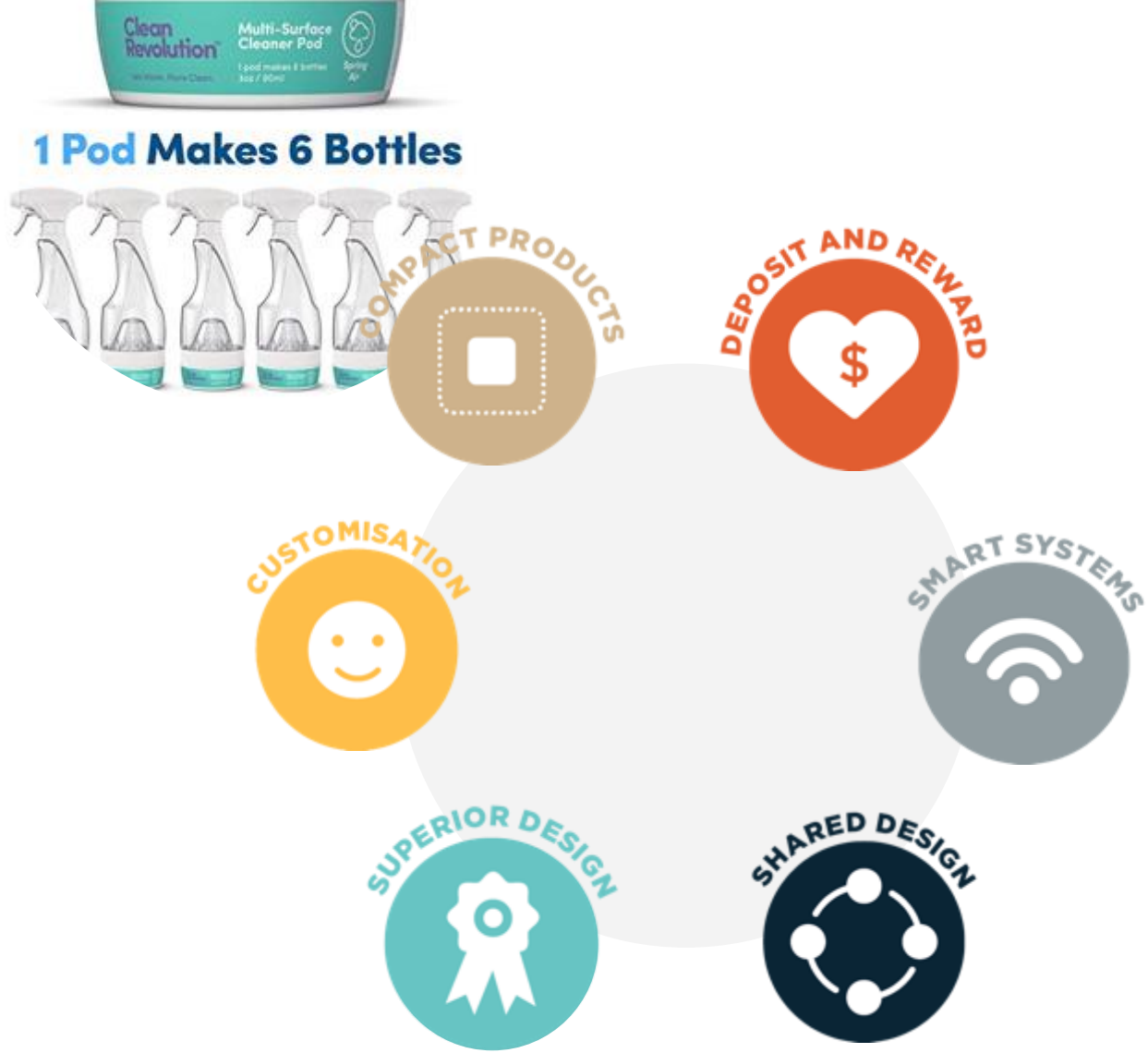


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**Reuse models offer
significant business benefits**

Cut
costs



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1 Pod Makes 6 Bottles



COMPACT PRODUCTS

DEPOSIT AND REWARD

Adapt to
individual
needs



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SMART SYSTEMS

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Optimise operations





THE MOMENTUM IS BUILDING

43 Global Commitment signatories are currently engaged in testing and piloting reuse business models across different markets and product types.

Bio D, which offers its products in large sizes to allow retailers to set up refill stations, saw an increase of 52% in its refill sales in 2018.

Packaging producer Amcor's sales of reusable and refillable PET containers in markets where refill programs exist have doubled in the last two years.

Loop has seen an average business sign-up of one per day since it's launch.

Unilever has committed to reduce virgin plastic packaging by 50% by 2025, with one third (more than 100,000 tonnes) coming from an absolute plastic reduction i.e. elimination, reuse, concentrates etc.

The Coca-Cola Company aspire to scale up reusable packaging to 50% by 2030 in Brazil, up from the current 20%.

92% of EU citizens approve of action to reduce single-use plastics

By 2025, Mars Incorporated aims to have launched 10 reuse pilots to test new business models in different geographies and with different brands.



HOW TO WE CATALYSE REUSE AT SCALE?



Need for more innovation and ambitious pilots to test and understand the success criteria for different reuse models, applications and geographies



Need for scaled up cases to illustrate the overall economic, technical and environmental viability of reuse, which for some reuse models increases drastically with scale



Need to explore harmonisation and sharing of packaging and systems across industries as a key enabler to scale certain types of reuse models



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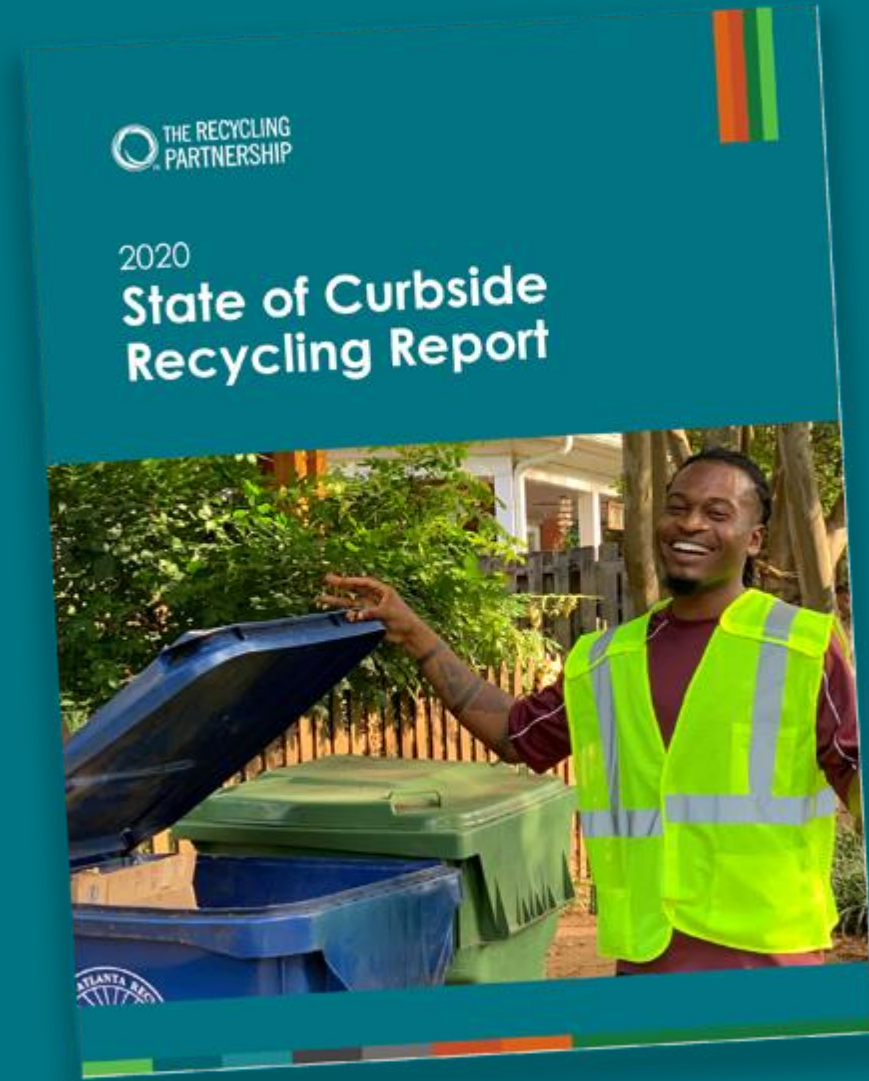
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State of US Residential Recycling

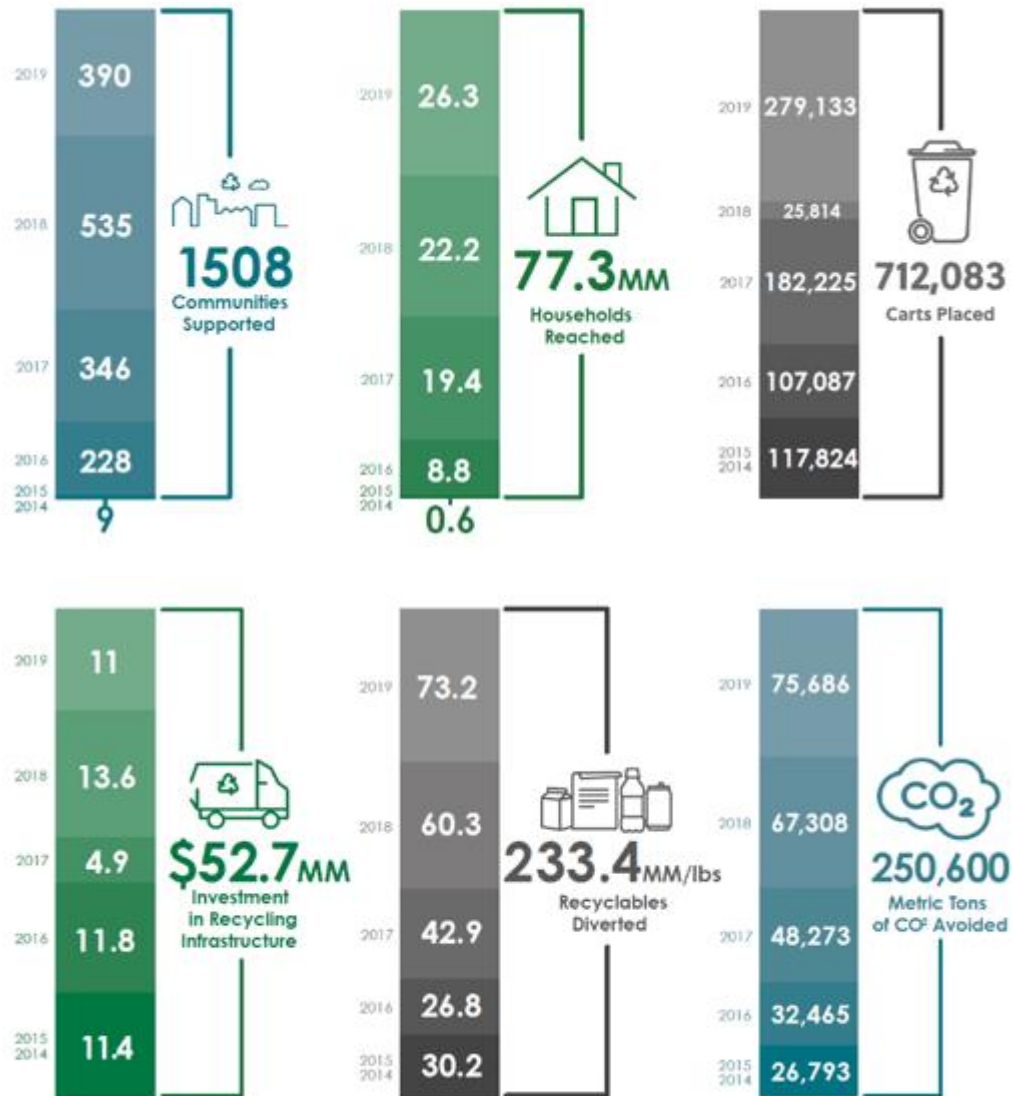
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Year Over Year Impacts



Americans Want to Recycle

- 84% expect products and packages to be **easy to recycle** and made with recycled content
- 80% expect that in 10 years, **products should be 100% sustainable**
- 79% are **more conscious of supporting green/sustainable companies** than they were 5 years ago
- 83% agree that **recycling is a valuable public service**



Americans Want to Recycle

1. Americans want to and expect to recycle:



88% say recycling is worth the effort, but **73%** are unsure about what's recyclable.

2. Awareness alone doesn't change behavior, it takes more:



Only **32%** of available recyclables are captured.

3. Relevant & informational prompts are critical:



On average communities only budget **\$1.16** per household for recycling education.

Estimate of Number of Single-Family Households and Percentage of all U.S. Households Participating in Curbside Recycling

Number of U.S. Households with Curbside Service



69.8 million

Curbside Participation Rate¹⁰



72%

Estimated Number of U.S. Households Participating in Curbside Service



50.3 million

Percentage of U.S. Single-Family Households Participating in Curbside Service



52%

Recyclable Recovery by Single-Family Household



These homes generate 7,680 lbs of recyclable material per year.



3 of the 10 don't participate in recycling at all. They dispose of 2,150 lbs of recyclable materials each year.



Those that do participate still put some (38.5%) of their recyclables in the trash, disposing of another 2,130 lbs.

Knowing what to throw into recycling, would increase materials captured. By implementing our strategies, together, we could collect another 2,130 lbs. from these participating homes.

Estimate of Annual Tonnage of Curbside Recyclable Material Generation by U.S. Single-Family Households

Material	Tonnage
Cardboard	5,195,756
Mixed Paper	14,722,469
Aseptics & Cartons	295,586
PET Bottles	2,478,193
Non-bottle PET	524,009
HDPE Natural Bottles & Jars	512,905
HDPE Colored Bottles & Jars	786,644

Material	Tonnage
Glass Containers	7,613,441
Steel Cans	1,126,674
Aluminum Cans	1,002,515
Aluminum Foil & Trays	273,814
Other Plastic Packaging (~3-7)	1,670,402
Bulky Rigid Plastics	1,161,215
Total	37,363,622

Strategies to Get the U.S. to Recycling 2.0

Substantially greater support of community recycling programs with **capital funding, technical assistance, and efforts to strengthen and grow local political commitment** to recycling services.

Development of new and enhanced **state and federal recycling policies**.

Continued and **expanded investment in domestic material processing and end markets**.

Citizen and consumer engagement to create and sustain robust and appropriate recycling behavior.

Continued innovation in the collection, sorting and general recyclability of materials, including the building of flexibility and resiliency to add new materials into the system.

Broader stakeholder engagement in achieving all elements of true circularity, in which the fate of all materials is not just intended to be recycled, but that they are **designed, collected, and actually turned into something new**.



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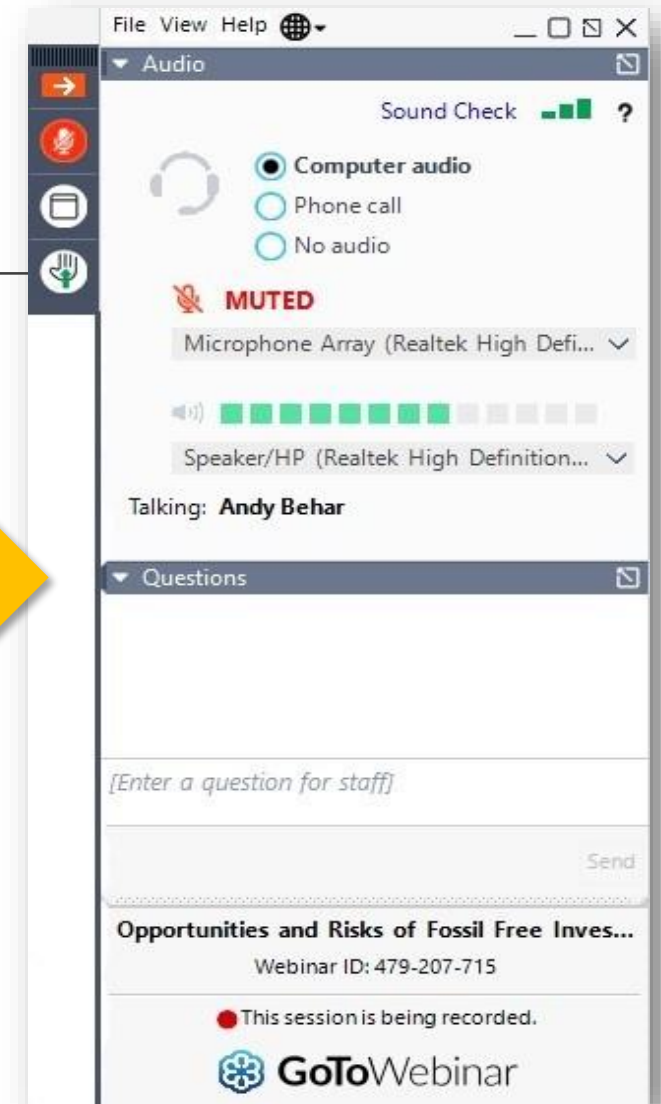
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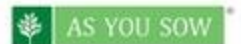


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