WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TRASH.

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AMERICA'S SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY is an essential partner in meeting your community's needs for professional, innovative and environmentally-responsive management of waste materials. We do more than simply collect trash. We are part of the solution to some of today's most important environmental challenges: recycling millions of tons of paper, plastic, glass and other products; creating clean, renewable energy that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels; and building state-of-the-art landfills for increased protection of natural resources.

AT YOUR HOUSE
The average American produces about 4.6 pounds of garbage every day. The solid waste industry collects trash and recyclables from homes and businesses, protecting human health and our environment.

ON THE ROAD
More than 130,000 trucks collect and transport America's garbage and recyclables. America's solid waste industry is investing in trucks using alternative fuels and new technologies to conserve energy, protect our environment and reduce costs. And garbage truck drivers provide additional "eyes and ears" for neighborhood watch efforts.

COLLECTING AND PROCESSING RECYCLABLES
More than 30 percent of American solid waste is collected and processed for recycling. Recycling conserves precious resources, saves energy and reduces pollution. Many consumer products are made from recycled materials.

WASTE-BASED ENERGY
Waste-based energy is a reliable, renewable source of energy for homes, businesses, schools and other buildings in many communities. Landfill gas energy projects and waste-to-energy facilities generate enough electricity to power more than 3.3 million homes each year.

MODERN LANDFILLS
State-of-the-art landfills are designed, built, operated and monitored by teams of highly trained experts, including civil and environmental engineers, biologists, chemists, geologists and soil experts.

LAND REUSE
Modern landfills can be transformed into beneficial land-reuse projects, including recreational areas like golf courses and parks.

COMPOSTING ORGANIC WASTE
Commercial composting saves space in landfills and creates valuable fertilizers and soil additives.

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