We all win with less garbage!

Reducing garbage and increasing the rate of recycling has benefits.

Less pollution is created. With less waste, there is less need for landfills.

Recycling means less need for new materials, and thus less environmentally destructive mining and extracting new raw materials.

Set a goal to reduce garbage.

Recycle. Materials that can be recycled include metals, plastics and paper and electronics. Check with your local landfill to determine if there are other items that can be recycled. Return soda and alcohol cans and bottles, and collect the deposit fee.


Compost yard waste and vegetable scraps. Use leaves as mulch around shrubs and plants.

Repair what can be repaired.

Avoid single-use plastics, such as cutlery, cups, lids, straws, condiment packages, water and beverage bottles, and plastic bags. Carry your own reusable water bottle. Some folks even carry their own reusable silverware. Bring your own reusable shopping bag.