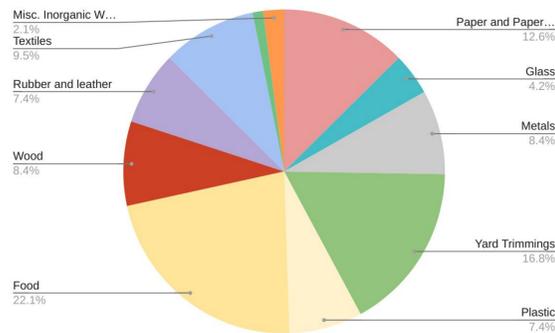


# Recycling is Essential for Our Community

## Recycling is Essential

Recycling is essential because it lowers greenhouse gasses in our atmosphere and it helps save our planet for future generations. It will help save trees, water, land, energy, and time. In 2018, 34.6 million tons of MSW were combusted with energy recovery. Food made up the largest component of MSW combusted at approximately 22 percent. Rubber, leather and textiles accounted for over 16 percent of MSW combustion. Plastics comprised about 16 percent, and paper and paperboard made up about 12 percent. The other materials accounted for less than 10 percent each



## Our Community

Our community is a small, rural community in central Utah. It consists of the town of Monroe, Annabell, Elsinore, and Joseph. We don't have the opportunity to recycle a lot of materials close to home. The main thing we have accessible for recycling is for metals like aluminum and steel. However, the recycling plant is about a 30 minute drive from our community.

Many people are aware of this recycling plant, but don't make the effort to separate their garbage or transport it to the correct it to the correct facility.



## Specific Ways Recycling Can Help Our Community

Some specific reasons why recycling can help our community:

- By making our towns look more beautiful.
- By decreasing pollutants that harm wildlife.
- By avoiding future environmental disasters.
- By decreasing toxins and pollutants that would decrease soil and water health.
- By increasing financial gains related to more tourism, more healthy citizens, more breathable air, and increased agricultural production.
- By keeping the streets clean we wouldn't have to worry about new diseases and health problems.



## Why We Should Care

In the past recycling wasn't such a big deal. Because we haven't really grown up doing recycling, it just isn't a common practice.

Nevertheless, we should care! Our county roads and empty fields can sometimes look really bad with all the trash that piles up and gets blown around.



We should care because recycling can lead to positive impacts on:

- Environment
  - Food sources
  - Water
  - Playing areas
  - Soil
  - Tourism
  - Animal habitats
- And so much more!**

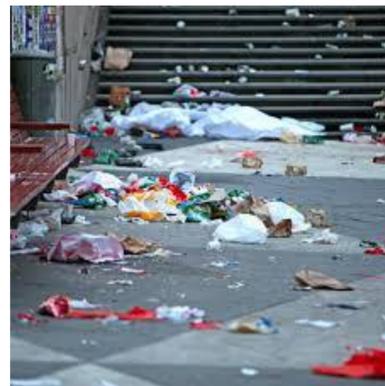
Just remember, we only have one town that we live in and it would be difficult to replace it! If you love living in our community, then **join me in helping show love for this town by increasing your efforts to recycle!**

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## Here's What We Can Do!

Hey South Sevier! It's time to rethink what you do with your trash. Picture this, in the next few years the roads and sidewalks are all slimy and sticky with trash, with nowhere to walk or drive.



Come on, I know that none of us want that to happen! This is why we need to recycle! Recycling is a crucial part of caring for the environment because it reduces pollution, saves renewable and nonrenewable materials, and it would save energy. But if we don't start doing something about the trash now then we will have streets filled with trash as our landfill becomes overwhelmed with our garbage.

1. Gather people from the community.
2. We can start by reducing plastic and paper usage.
3. Instead of paper cups and plastic water bottles, use coffee mugs and metal water bottles.
4. Use cloth bags when shopping.
5. Purchase products made from recycled materials
6. Learn how to reuse products in different ways.
7. Use cloth napkins instead of paper.
8. Use dish cloths instead of using paper towels.