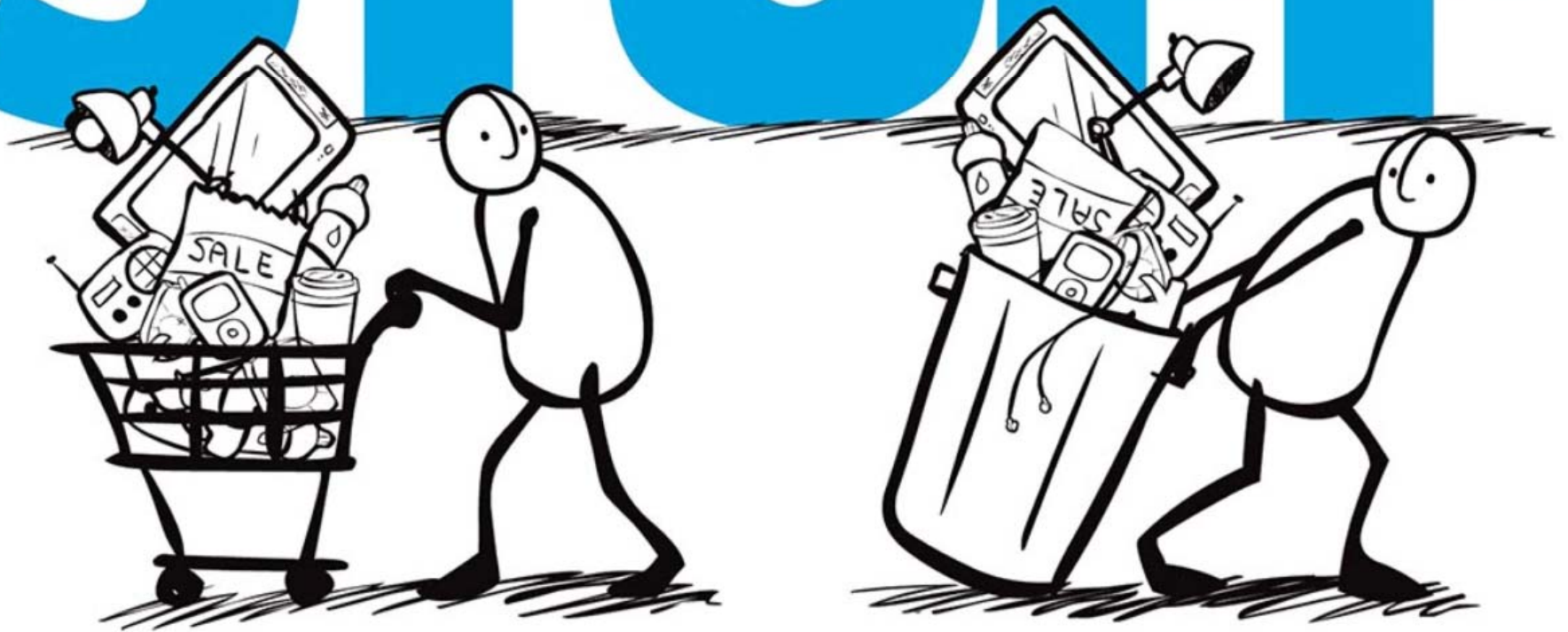


THE STORY OF STUFF



'Twas the night before Christmas

and all through the house

THE PARENTS WERE STILL FRANTIC

CLICKING AWAY ON A MOUSE

*THE STOCKINGS WERE STUFFED BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CRAP
BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, THERE WAS*

MORE CRAP

to be wrapped. The children were nestled all snug in their beds

WHILE MOM AND DAD WORRIED, "DID THEY WANT

NIKES OR KEDS?"

WHY DIDN'T THEY CONSIDER

the gift that fits like a glove: what kids want most is

to truly feel love.

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POP SHOP HOUSTON FESTIVAL

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Find one-of-a-kind gifts this holiday season at Pop Shop Houston, December 1-3 in Main St. Studio. Shop unique, custom designs, paintings, prints, face & body essentials, a large selection of vintage fashion and one-of-a-kind hand designed garments, and much more. For more details and ticket info, visit popshopamerica.com

Preview Party Dec 1 6PM – 10PM

Dec 2 10AM – 7PM

Dec 3 11AM – 4PM



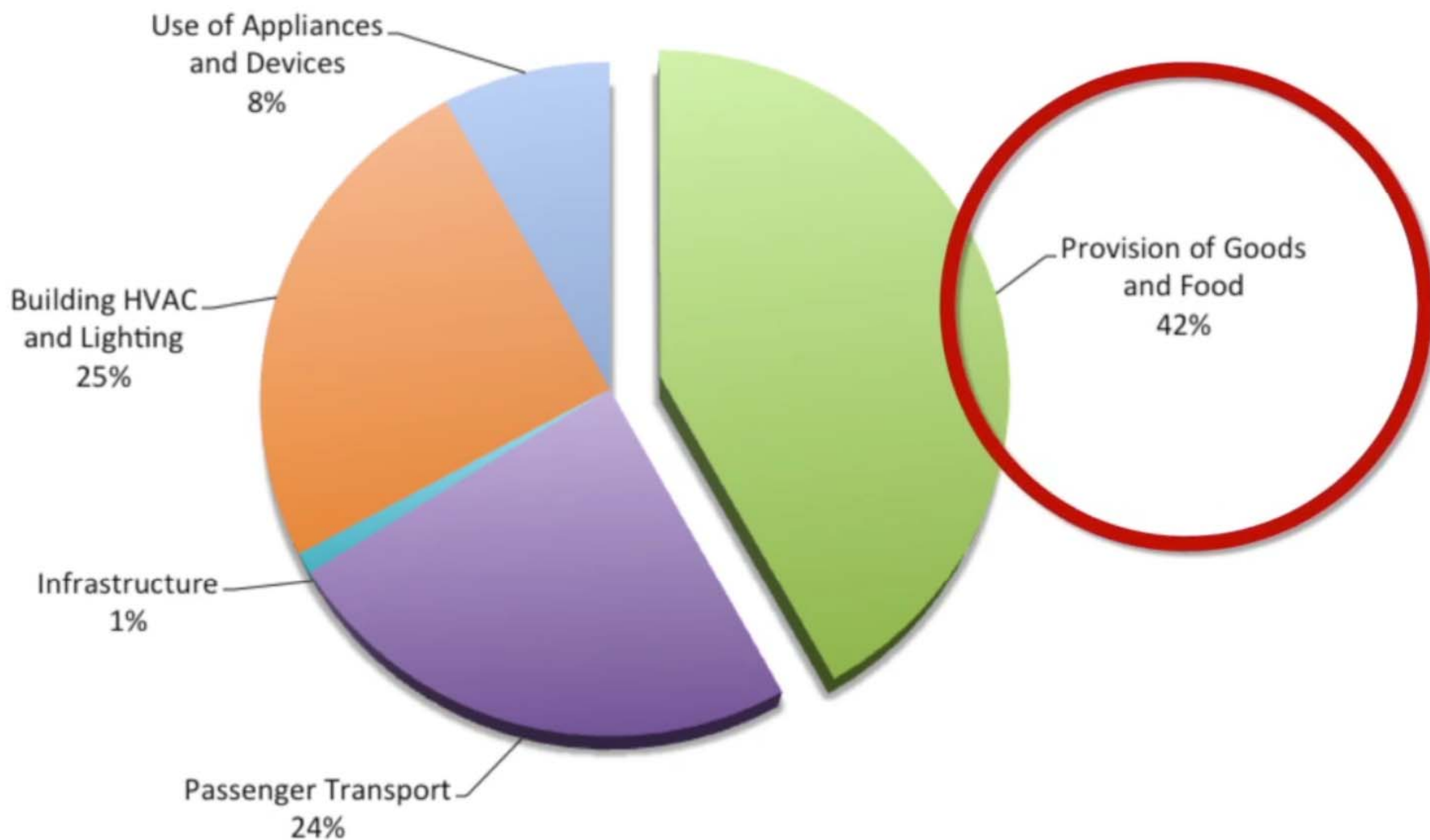


**WE HAVE MET
THE ENEMY
AND HE IS US.**



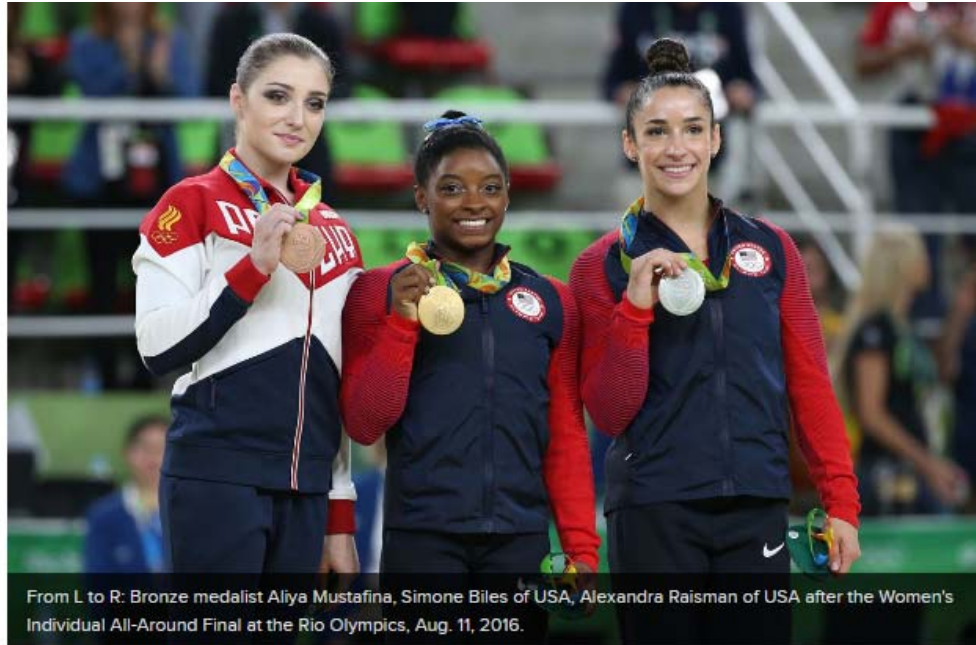
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EPA Data for Greenhouse Gas Emissions



5:10





From L to R: Bronze medalist Aliya Mustafina, Simone Biles of USA, Alexandra Raisman of USA after the Women's Individual All-Around Final at the Rio Olympics, Aug. 11, 2016.

IMAGE: GETTY IMAGES

U.S. swimming legend Michael Phelps, for instance, so far has won four first-place medals made from gold extracted without the use of poisonous mercury. Silver and bronze medals were produced with 30 percent recycled materials. The colorful ribbons that hold the medals around athletes' necks are partly made with recycled plastic bottles.

So it's only fitting that flowers, which are unceremoniously tossed after each event, would be cut from the ceremonies, the Rio 2016 spokesperson said in an email.

"In the interest of sustainability and innovation, it was decided that flowers would not be awarded to medal winners at this Olympic Games," the spokesperson explained.

"The flowers awarded are usually thrown away or, even if kept, would struggle to survive in the tropical Brazilian climate."

The spokesperson added that some flowers are still displayed on the stage to keep with Olympics tradition.

But small tweaks such as scrapping flowers, and even bigger fixes like composting organic waste, won't be enough to resolve the broader environmental problems surrounding the Olympics and its host city.

Compare and Contrast

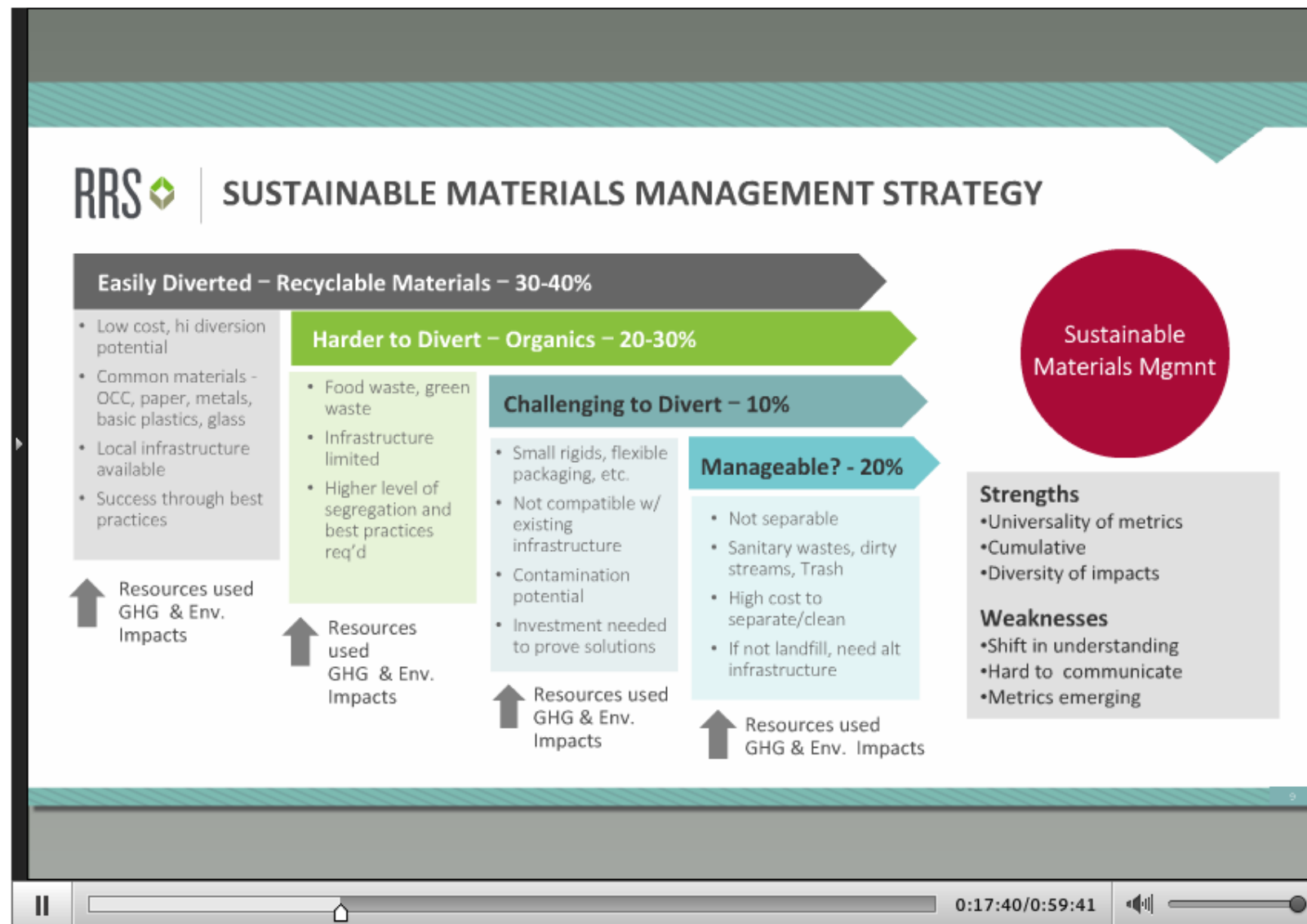


Jute twine from plant fiber
Orange peel
Handmade (Time you may not have)
(And you might want to buy a punch)
The twine & orange will bio-degrade under
some leaves in your back yard....
Popcorn on cotton thread – same thing....



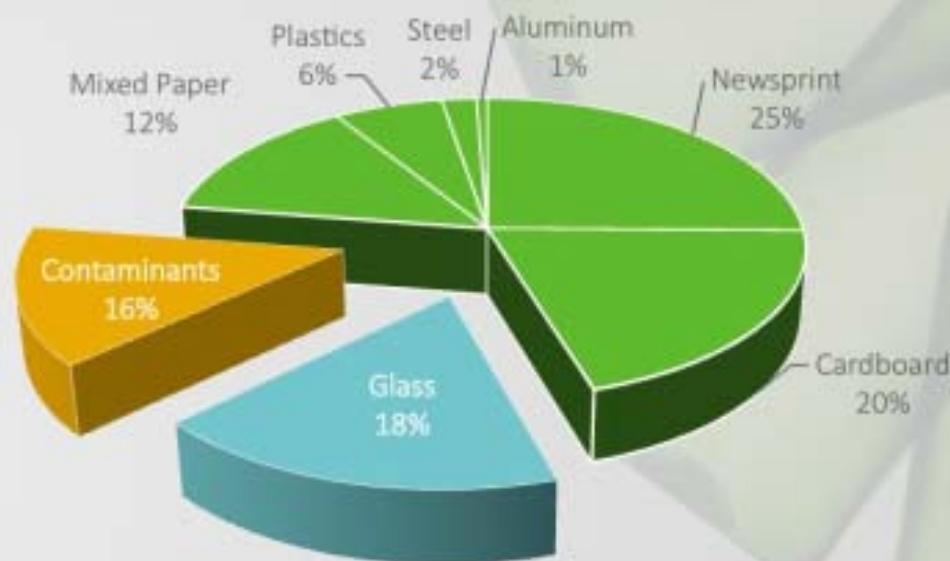
Plastic
Easy and cheap to buy
Available EVERYWHERE
Disposable - throw in the trash
FYI – NOT RECYCLABLE

Setting Goals: Have We Reached the Limits of Recycling?



MRF Economics – Increasing Costs

Composition of Materials Entering Single Stream MRFs






- 18% of inbound recyclables are glass and 16% are contaminants
- 34% of MRF inbound materials have a net cost not revenue.

MRF feedstock has changed by 30% over the past decade

Which is Better From a Life Cycle Perspective?

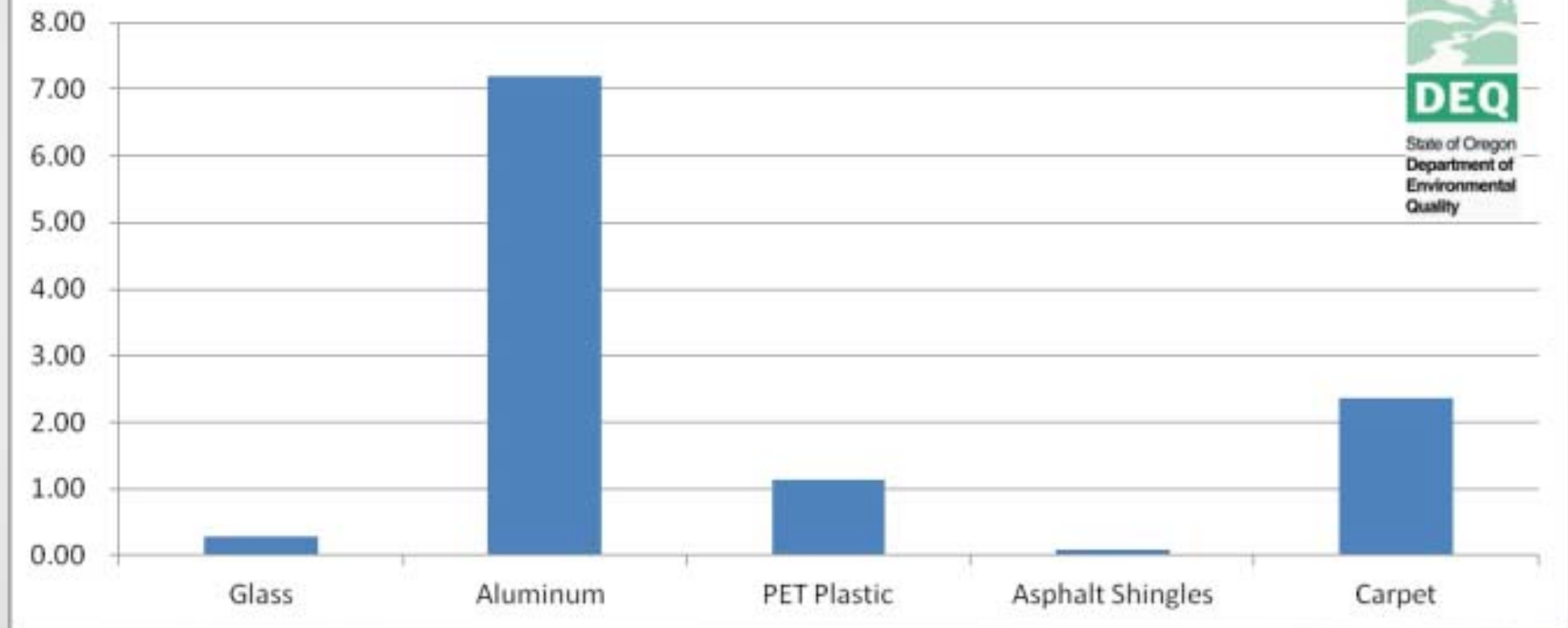
(Note: Use Phase not included)

Coffee Packaging (11.5 oz product)	*Package Wt.	*Product-to-Packaging Ratio	*Energy Consumption (MJ/11.5 oz.)	*CO2 eq Emissions/ 11.5 oz	**Efficient Use of Space (relevant for storage and transportation)	**Recyclable postconsumer	***MSW Waste Generated (lbs./ 100,000 oz. of product)
	~ 4 oz.	3:1	4.21	0.33	no	yes	1,305
	~3 oz.	5:1	5.18	0.17	no	yes	847
	~0.4 oz.	29:1	1.14	0.04	yes	no	176

Source: US EPA

Oregon's outcome based recovery

GHG saving per ton of material recycled (MTCO₂e)



What Americans Think of **Environmental Issues**

Percentage of Americans who believe:

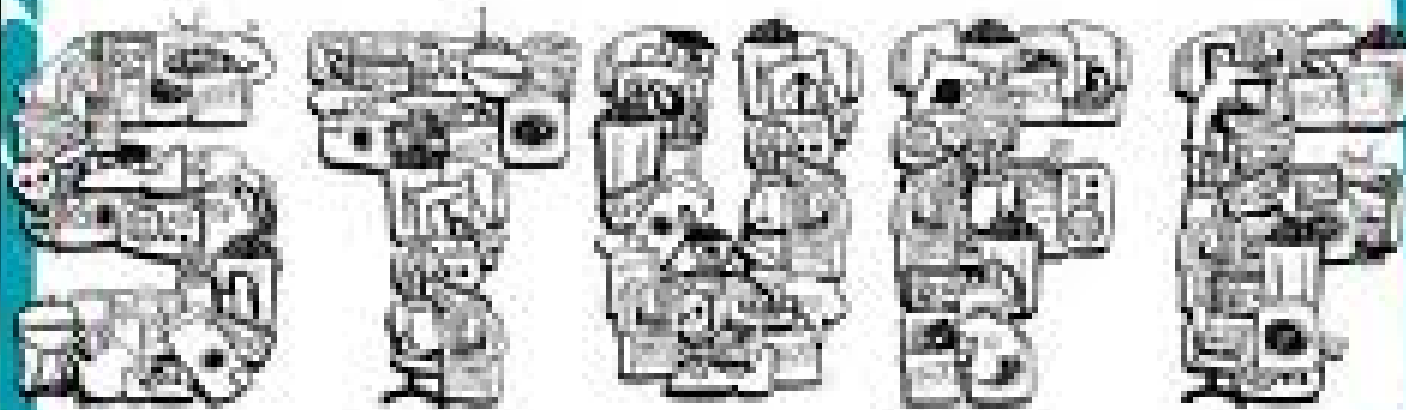




So, What Can
YOU
Do Now?



THE STORY OF



WITH ANNIE LEONARD

Watch the Story of Stuff YouTube



Then read the book

Annie Leonard



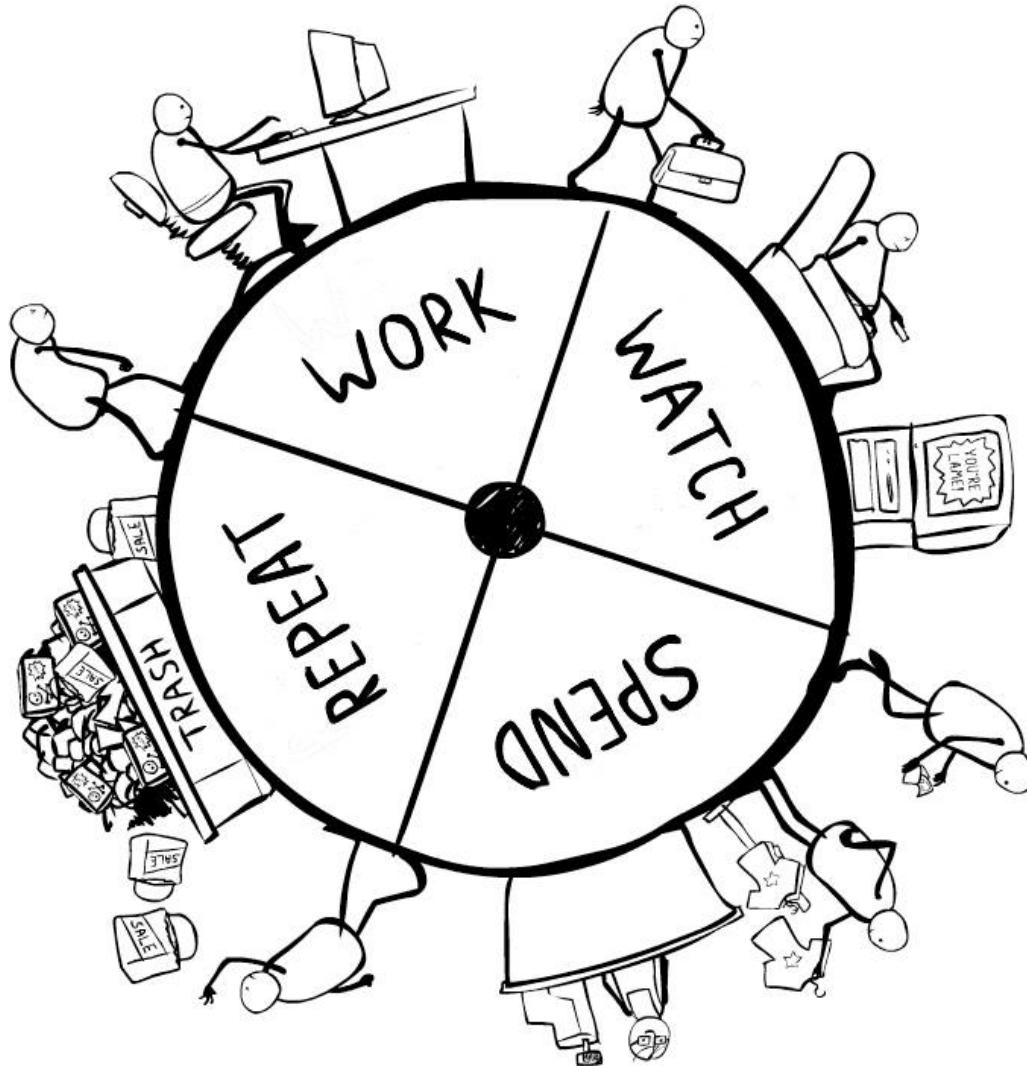
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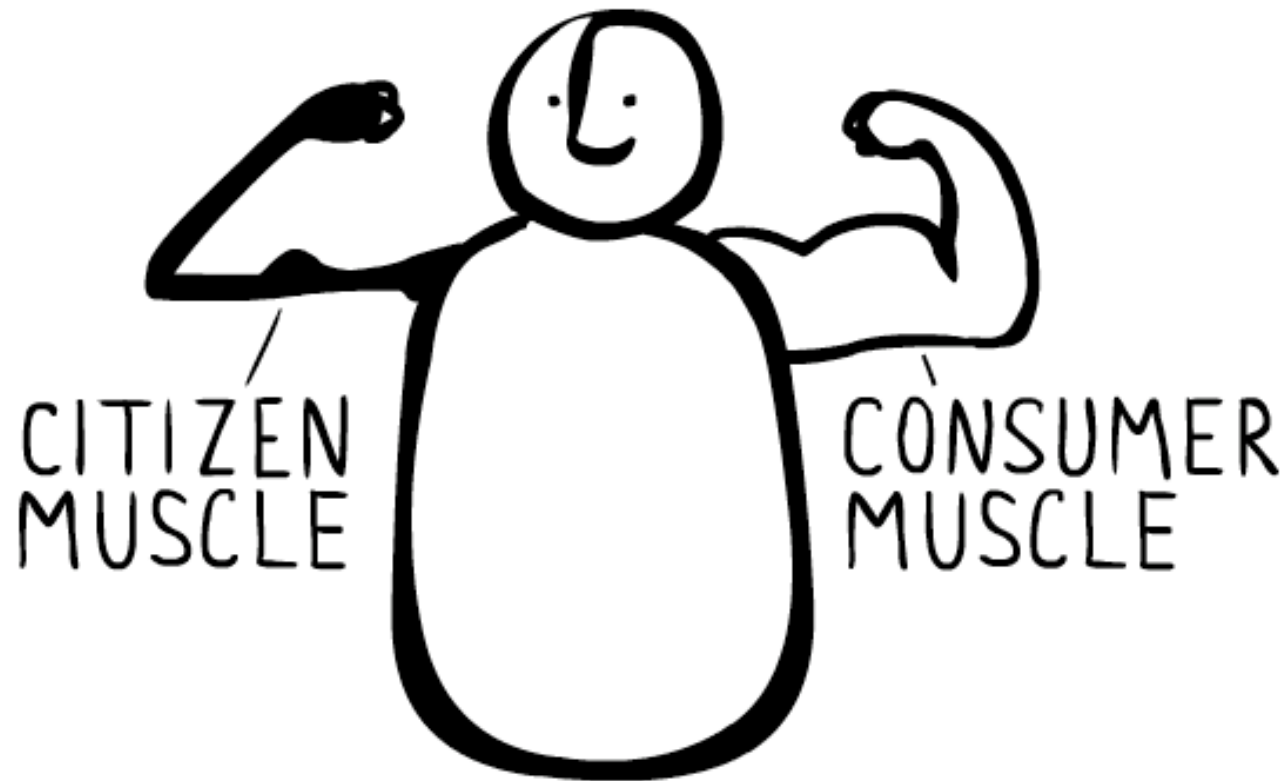
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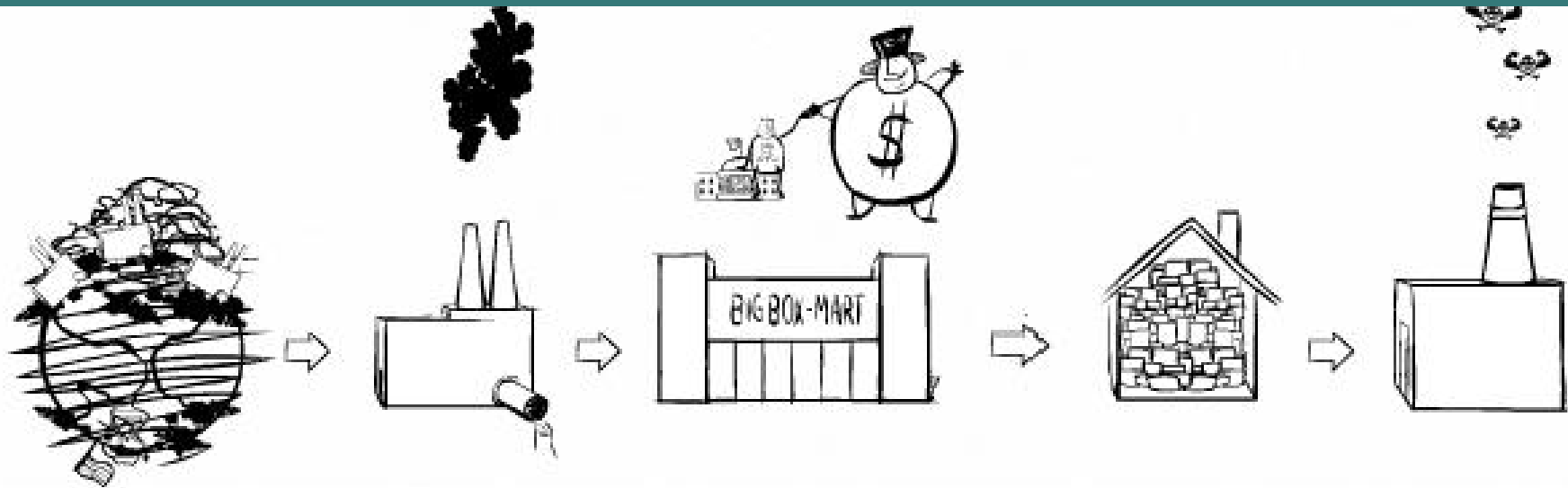
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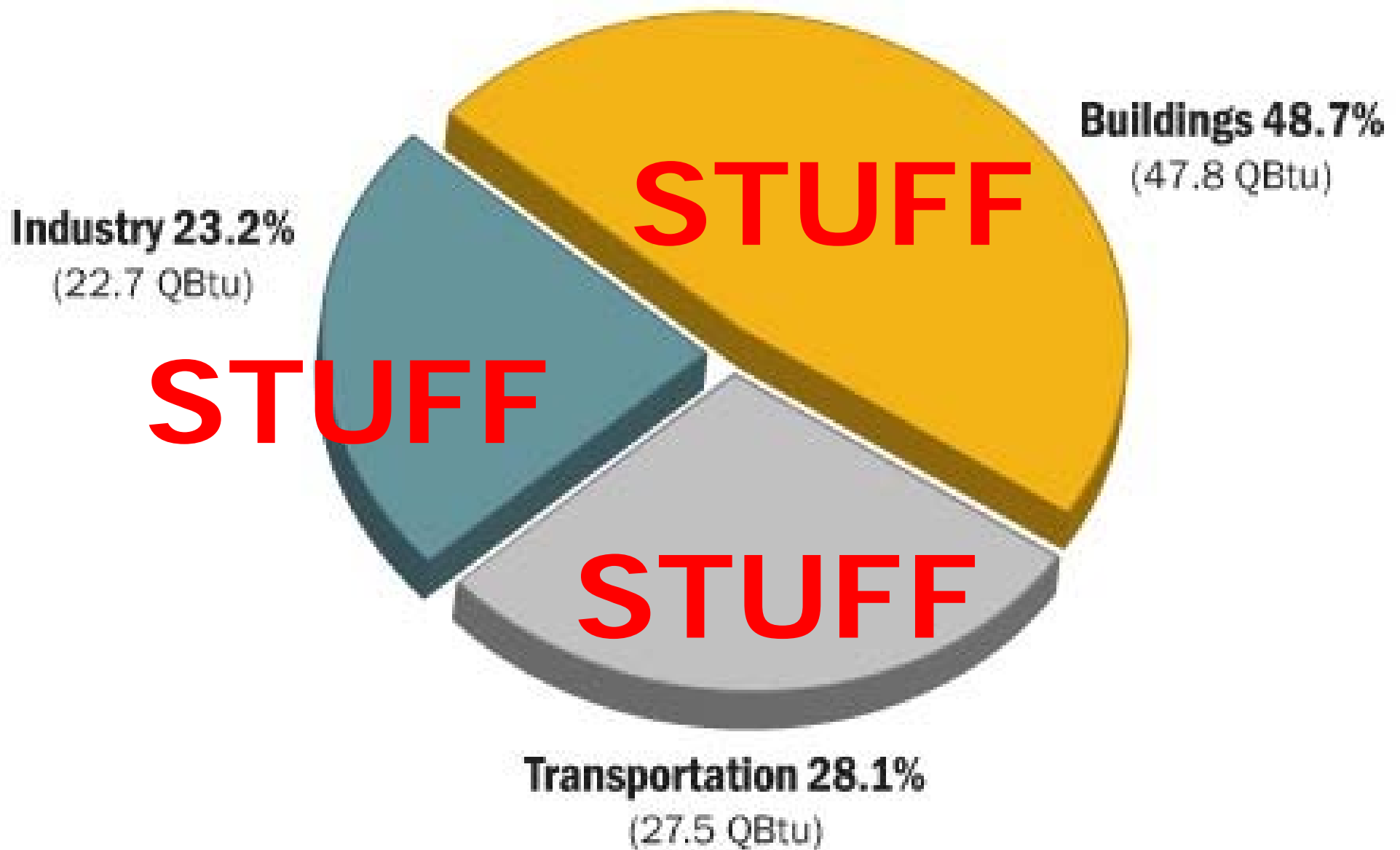
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This is the story now.....



Extraction Production Distribution Consumption Disposal

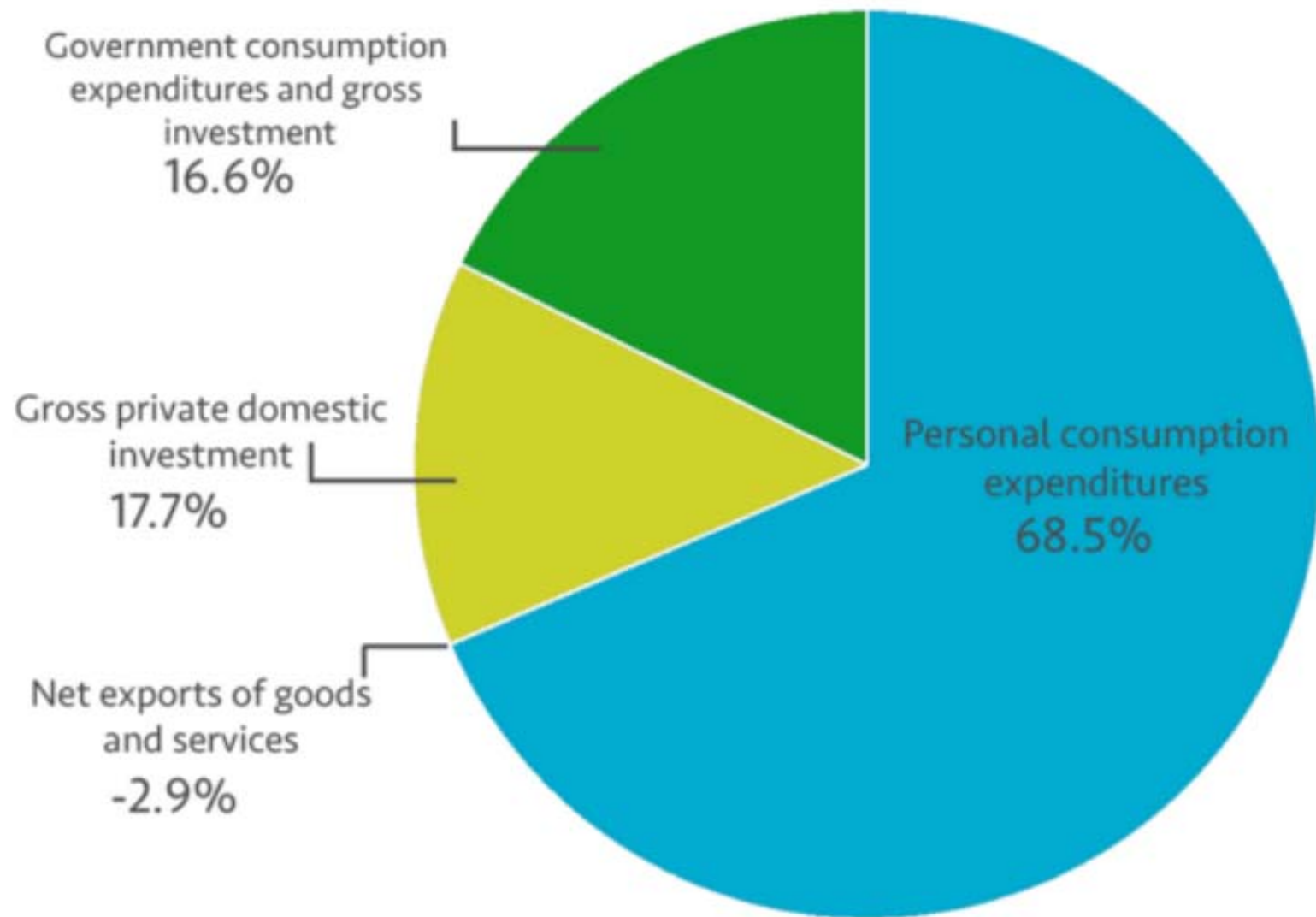


U.S. Energy Consumption by Sector

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GDP Breakdown

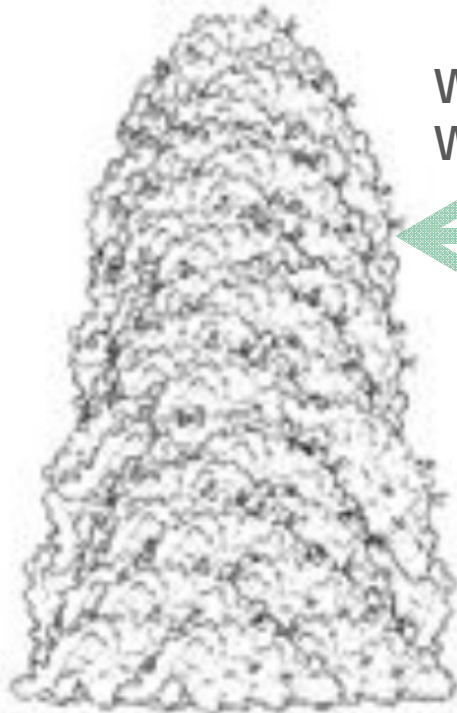


The BIG Waste Story



GROSS NATIONAL TRASH

INDUSTRIAL
WASTE



76%

Waste to make Stuff.
What we don't see!

What we see!



SPECIAL
WASTE



18%

CONSTRUCTION
& DEMOLITION
WASTE



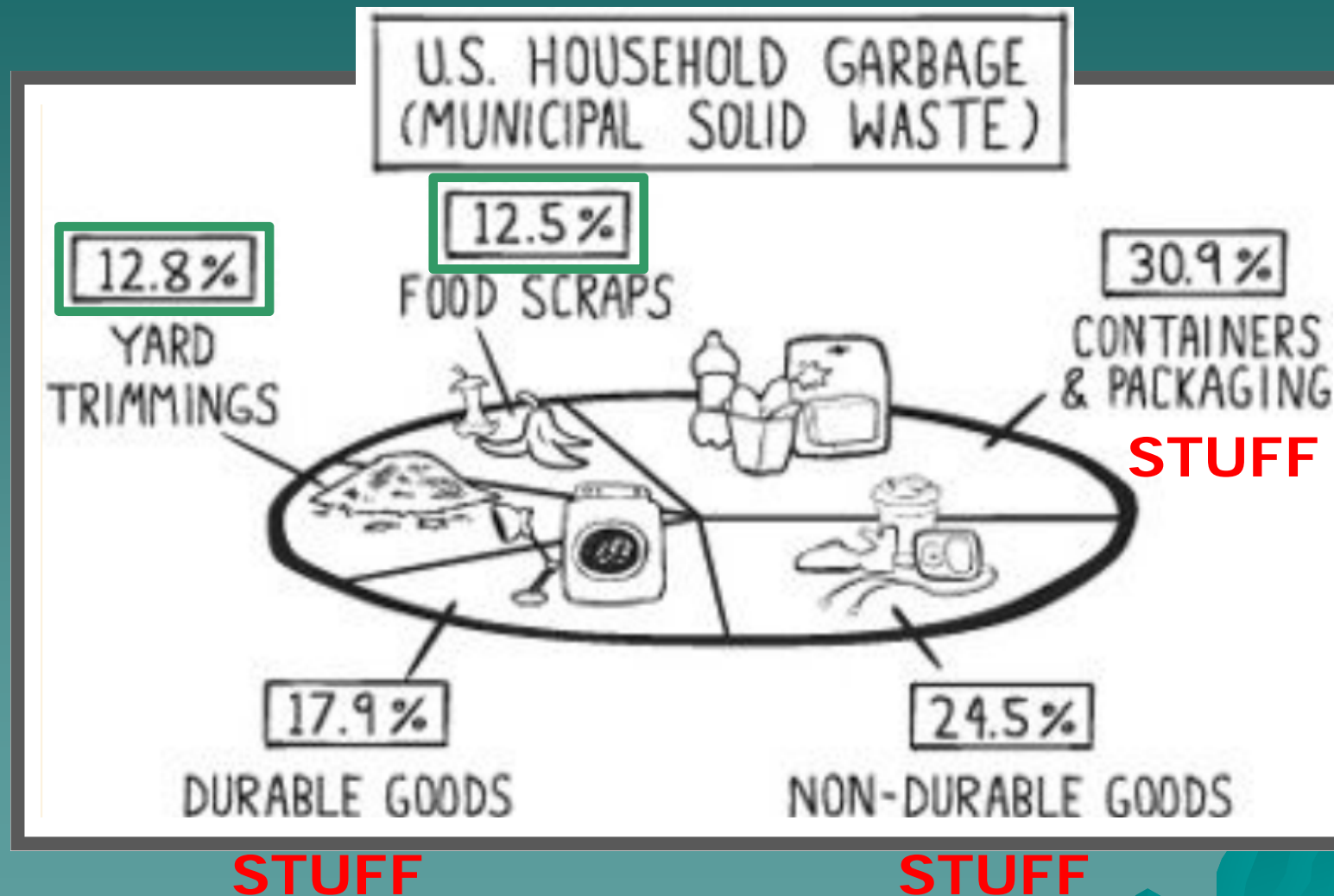
3.5%

GARBAGE
(MUNICIPAL
SOLID
WASTE)



2.5%

Compost Opportunity!

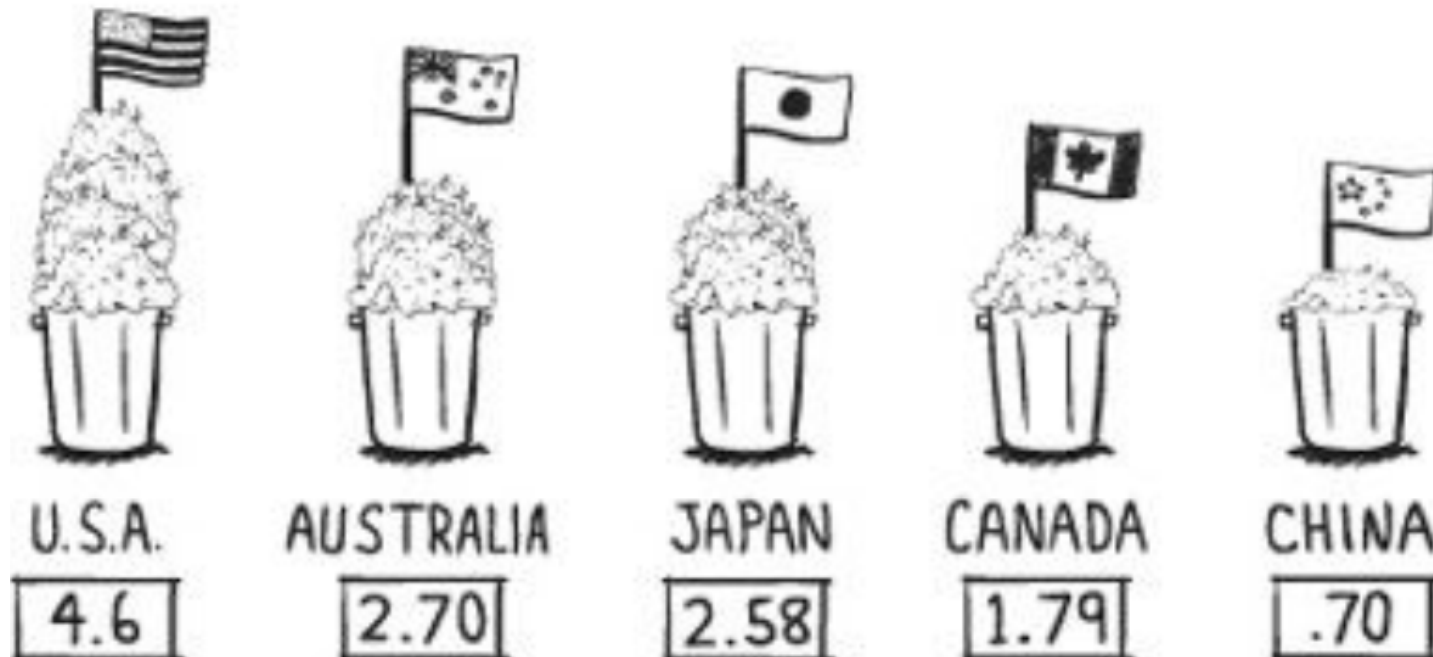


Compared to Others

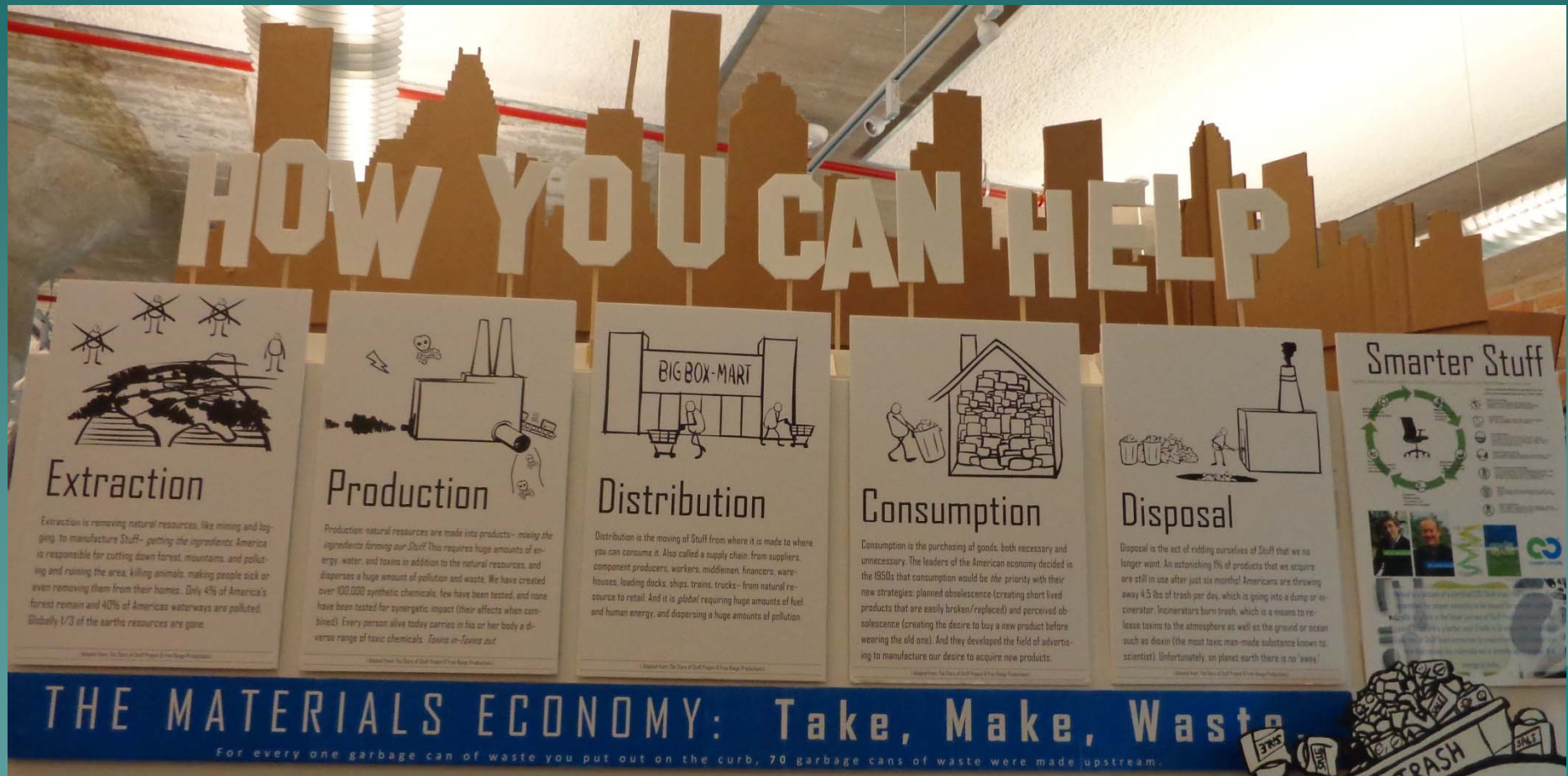


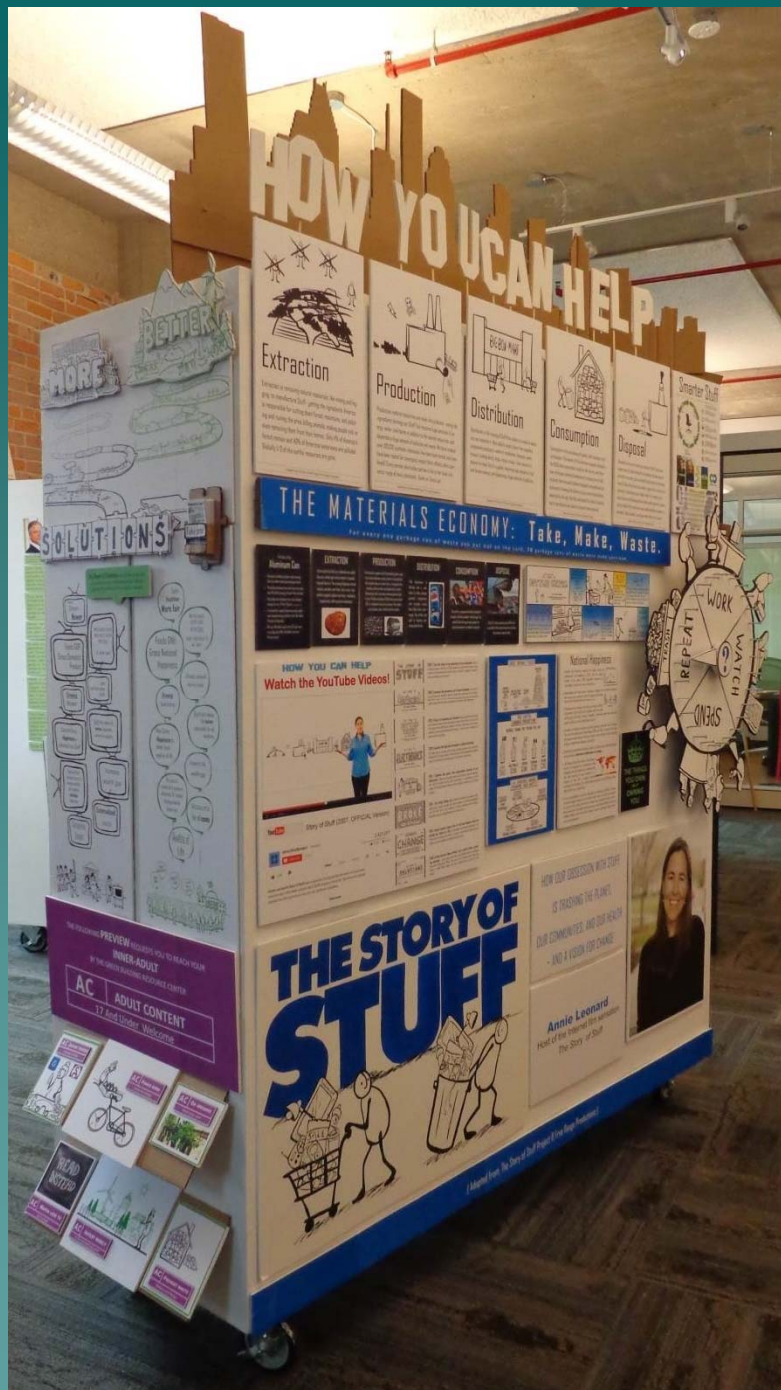
PER CAPITA GARBAGE PRODUCTION

AVERAGE POUNDS PER PERSON PER DAY



Our Story of Stuff Display







75% SAY THEY ARE
DOING A GREAT JOB
RECYCLING



BUT ONLY
34% OF MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE IS
RECYCLED



**18% in
Houston**



BUY LOCAL

buying something in
Houston that was made
in China *doesn't count.*
Neither is buying from
the local WalMart.



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Sylvester Turner, Mayor

Mayor Sylvester Turner Announces Choose Local Campaign

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Five Meaningful Gift Ideas for Mother's Day
by Yatso



10-Minute DIY Holiday Gift Idea: Peppermint Soap

Zero Waste Gifts



look for handcrafted gifts or make some yourself



buy treats in bulk - tie them up in a cute reusable bag



gift cards for places you visit, even mundane places like the grocery store



baked goods in a reusable container, great option for the office or parties



a thoughtful handwritten letter is always nice



who doesn't like to receive a fresh bouquet of flowers?



a nice bottle of



or something

We often take for GRANTED the very things that most DESERVE our gratitude.

-Cynthia Ozick

creative recognition ideas | Creative Recognition Ideas...



A simple homemade gift wrapped up in a holiday dish towel...



DIY Birdseed Ornament



#GIVINGTUESDAY



On Giving Tuesday, please support Plastic Pollution Coalition's work toward a world free of plastic pollution and its toxic impact on humans, animals, the ocean and the environment.
plasticpollutioncoalition

Today for #GivingTuesday, please support our work toward...



60 gift ideas for kids that is not more stuff

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Re-gifting. Terrible for the planet! If you think it's tacky... #regift #season #NationalRegiftingDay
by Burke/Triolo Productions



Send a gift of coffee or food!



Coupons are the best!



Some seasonal thoughts from No Impact Man. (image credit...)



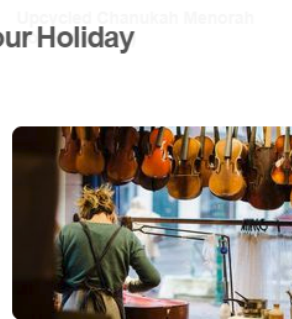
Deck the halls with LEDs!



Read This Before You Buy Another Holiday Gift (or Goat)



This free poster is great for classrooms and family bulletin...



10 Holiday Gifts to Combat Consumerism Fatigue: Don't give...



Rock a sweater!



Give the gift of a family tree!



Get inspired about non-Stuff ways to show love during the...

Experience gifts = AWESOME!



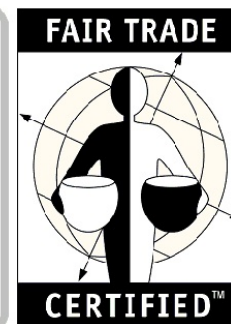
Give a micro-loan through Kiva!



Carpool to grandma's house!

FOOD

Local food is best,
homemade even better.
Fair Trade for imported...



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Christmas Plants

Christmas plants make a special gift during the holiday season. Choose from a variety of indoor flowering plants and bonsai plants to find the perfect unique plant gifts for Christmas.

Plants have long been associated with holiday traditions and Christmas plants evoke wonderful memories while setting the stage for festive celebrations. Add instant color and cheerfulness to an entryway, fireplace or even the holiday table with an array of evergreen and flowering plants. Select a beautiful Christmas plant from our variety of indoor flowering plants, bonsai plants, rosemary, etc. All the plant gifts for Christmas are available at affordable prices too!



Osmanthus Holly In Snowflake Tin With Santa Tag

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Succulent Mix In Wood And Wicker Basket

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8 Rules for Regifting Unwanted Gifts – Etiquette



By Jacqueline Curtis

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REGIFTING



1. Never Regift anything meaningful or hand made, or food. (Wine OK)
2. Outside your circle of friends
3. Only brand-new items
4. Regift thoughtfully & appropriately
5. Check for “original” remnants
6. When in doubt: Charity

ZERO WASTE



ZERO WASTE



- Glass or stainless steel Water bottle (You may want to minimize plastic components and containers, since most plastic items contain hormone disrupter plasticizers)
- Ceramic or stainless steel double-wall Coffee travel mug
- Tiffin box or glass jars for lunch, food leftovers
- Glass or stainless steel Straws (with a handy pipe cleaner brush)

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What We Recycle:

South Post Oak Recycling Center

Our Houston scrap metal recycling center has been a trusted full-service scrap metal (including ferrous and non-ferrous metals) and an **electronic recycling** partner for over 23 years. We serve the greater Houston and Galveston areas with our two convenient locations in Houston.

We BUY Scrap Metal!



We are a Houston metal recycling center that pays top dollar for scrap metal prices for a broad array of metals such as: **aluminum**, **copper**, insulated **copper**, **brass**, alloys, **stainless steel**, lead, carbide, die cast, high temperature alloys (including Incoloy, Inconel, Monel, Hastelloy, etc.), wheels, AC reefers, radiators, **aluminum** cans, batteries, cast and **more!**

Are you a recycler?

- ▣ Household and Individual Recyclers
- ▣ Contractor Recyclers

What We Recycle:

- Aluminum
- Aluminum breakage
- Alloys
- Batteries
- Brass
- Carbide
- Cast Aluminum
- Compressors
- Copper
- Electronics
 - PCs
 - Circuit boards
 - Hard drives
 - Memory
 - Motherboards
 - Processors
 - Laptops
 - Laptop batteries
- Hastelloy
- Inconel
- Incoloy
- Magnesium
- Lead
- Stainless steel
- Turnings
- Shavings
- Borings
- And more!



Copper Recycling in Houston



Recycling copper allows new products to be made with your previously used copper metal, which is good for the environment. Did you know that you can also get cash in exchange for the copper you recycle?

Recycle Copper with South Post Oak Recycling

Come by South Post Oak Recycling to get top copper scrap metal prices for your scrap copper. We buy and accept a wide range of forms of copper metal.

South Post Oak Recycling Buys and Accepts:

- Copper tubing
- Copper wire/ insulated wire
- AC cooler and copper reefers
- Copper piping
- Copper scrap
- Copper sheet

Recycle Copper Tubing

The copper tubing found inside HVAC units are typically the most valuable part to recycle in exchange for cash. About three to five pounds of copper tubing can be recycled out of an average HVAC unit. Recycle copper tubing for cash with South Post Oak Recycling.

Recycle Copper Wire/Insulated Wire

Both stripped and insulated copper wires can be recycled for cash. About two to three pounds of copper wire can be recycled out of an average HVAC unit, and in a variety of other commonly used **electronics** by electrical wire installation companies and other contractors. To get the best possible price for your copper wire, it should be previously cleaned and stripped. Recycle copper wire/insulated wire for cash with South Post Oak Recycling.

Recycle Copper Piping

All quantities of copper piping for water can be recycled for cash. When recycling copper, it is important to sort it by grade and clean it to get the best possible price. To get the best possible price for your copper remove any soldered connections and chemicals. Recycle copper piping for cash with South Post Oak Recycling.

Copper Metal Recycling Made Easy

At South Post Oak Recycling, you get the best service and **metal recycling prices in Houston**. Experienced scrap metal buyers will unload and sort items for recycling in an organized and timely fashion. Better yet, we provide scrap metal recycling pickups for contractors! Contact us today for your copper recycling needs!

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I have been bringing my recyclable metals to SPORC for years. They give the best prices, I am very satisfied.

Bob Purnell
Jul 02, 2013

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Christmas Lights!



GREEN GIFTS SURVEY

SURVEY SHEET **December 6, 2017**

QUESTION: Christmas is a time:	(1-7)	RANK
A. To create a beautiful home environment		
B. To celebrate the birth of Christ		
C. To exchange gifts with family and friends		
D. For parties, entertaining, & visits w/ friends		
E. To help those who are less fortunate		
F. To strengthen my church community		
G. To enjoy being with my immediate family		
QUESTION: My gift goal this Christmas:	(1-6)	RANK
A. To give more natural materials, less synthetic		
B. To give fewer electronic / landfill-bound gifts		
C. To give more healthy / non-toxic gifts		
D. To give more "experience" or fair-trade gifts		
E. To give fewer disposable gifts		
F. To at least recycle more diligently		



**To Rank,
and hand in
so I can
tally tonight**