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Amazing Recycling Facts

You probably don't know



**Recycling reduces landfill waste
and prevents pollution.**

**Let's look at
some facts**

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On average, each American throws away 4.9 pounds of trash per day.



That's 1,789 pounds per year per person.

That's about how much a cow weighs.

Source: [EPA](#)

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An aluminum can that is thrown away today will still be an aluminum can in 500 years.

Plastic bottles last 700 years, and glass bottles as much as 4,000 years or more.



Source: [Florida Tech](#)

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Food waste makes up nearly a quarter of the trash in landfills.



Source: [EPA](https://www.epa.gov/foodwaste)

**Recycling one glass bottle saves
enough energy to light a 100 watt light
bulb for four hours.**



Source: [Stanford University](https://www.stanford.edu)

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**Recycling one ton of plastic waste
can save 16.3 barrels of oil.**



Wow, that's
a lot of oil
we can save!



Source: [Stanford University](https://www.stanford.edu)

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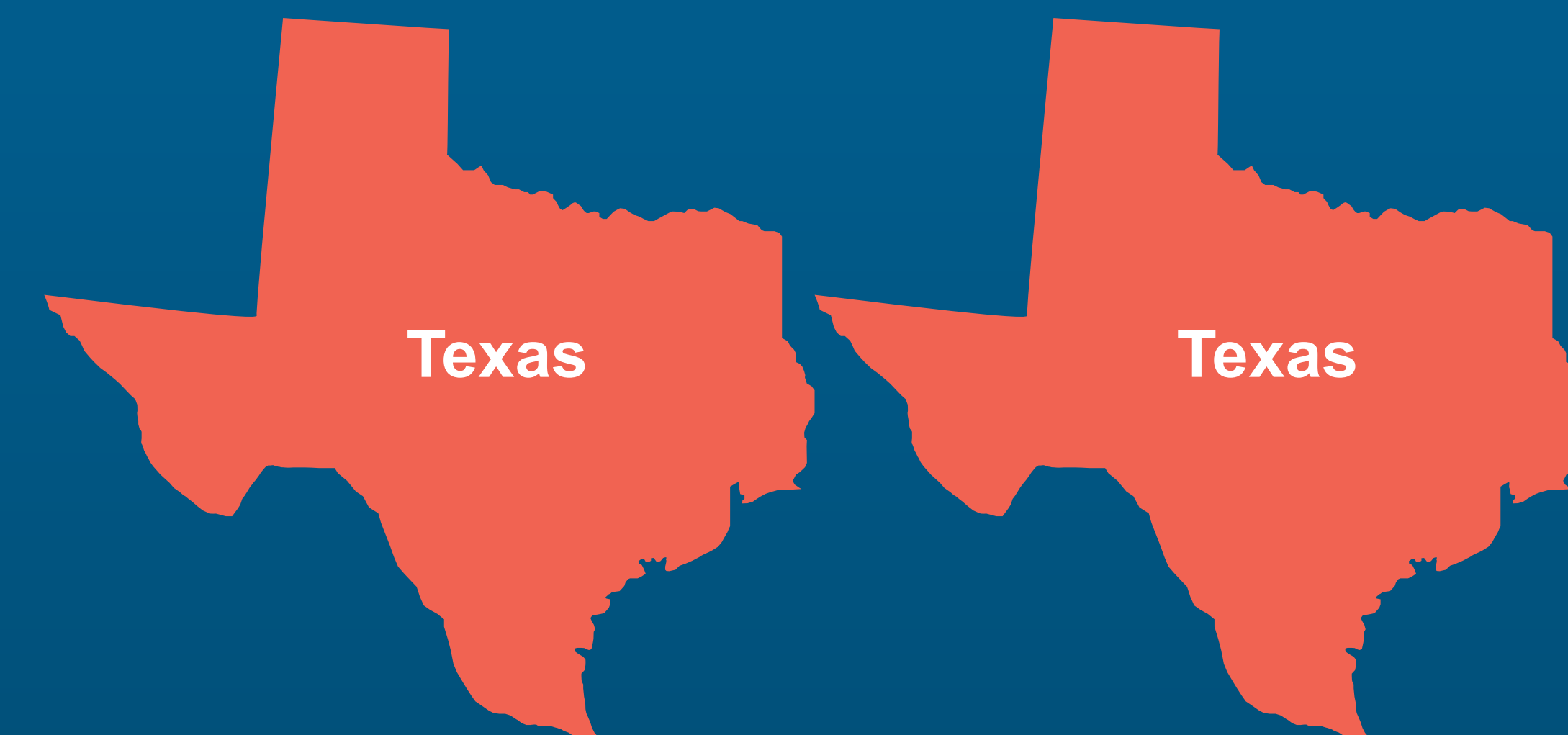
Plastic bags thrown into the ocean kill **1,000,000** sea creatures every year.



Plastic bags cannot go into most curbside bins, **but they can be recycled.** More than 18,000 stores provide drop-off locations in the U.S.

Source: [Florida Tech](#) and plasticfilmrecycling.org

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a vast collection of plastics and other debris, is estimated to weigh 3 million tons and covers an area twice the size of Texas.



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Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.

If Americans recycled all of their newspapers, we could save **250,000,000** trees a year.

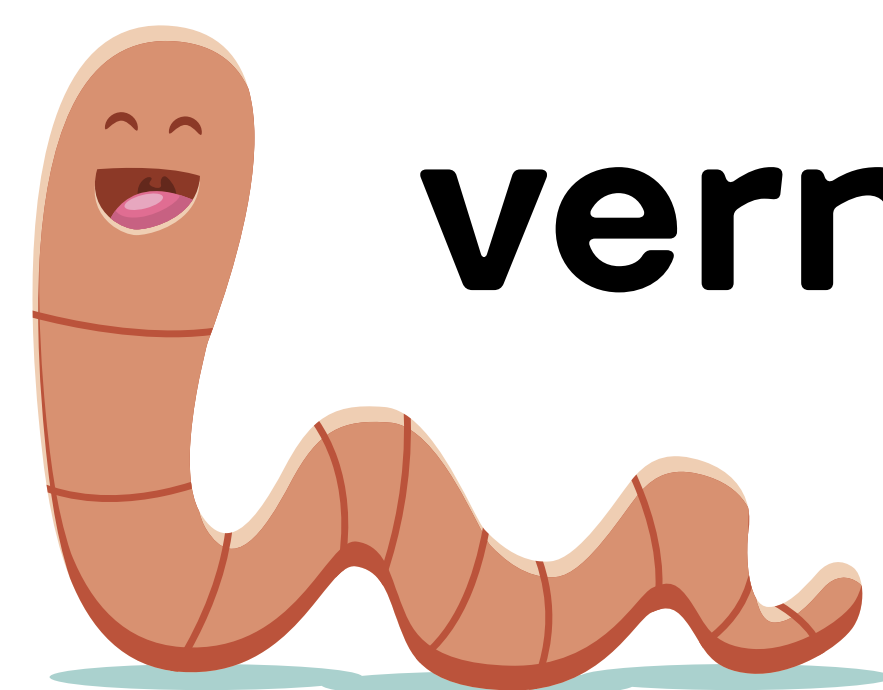


Source: [Florida Tech](#)

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One pound of red worms will eat a half-pound of food waste every day.



One type of composting is called **vermiculture**, and it uses worms!

Source: [EPA](https://www.epa.gov/)

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