

WASTE ACCUMULATION

HOW MUCH ARE WE ACTUALLY WASTING?

PAPER WASTE



- The average office worker generates about two pounds worth of paper and paperboard products every day and uses roughly 10,000 sheets of copy paper per year.
- Nearly half of all printed documents are thrown away within 24 hours, and 30% are never picked up from the printer at all.

FOOD SCRAPS

- 40% of all food in the US goes uneaten and is the 2nd largest proportional landfill space after mixed paper products.
- In all settings, Americans waste about a pound of food per day, whether food is spoiled or scrapped.



PLASTICS



- The average person uses 156 plastic bottles per year, with Americans collectively throwing away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
- The EPA's latest figures suggest U.S. citizens create 35.7 million tons of plastic waste per year, with the office environment being a primary driver.

GENERAL WASTE

- According to the EPA, the average person creates 4.4 pounds of solid waste each day.
- The total generation of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2018 was 292.4 million tons (U.S. short tons, unless specified) or 4.9 pounds per person per day.



E-WASTE



- Americans generated 2.7 million tons of consumer electronics goods in 2018.
- On a global scale, only about a fifth of all electronic waste is recycled.