

Natural Resources

Many of the products that people use every day are made from natural resources. Because natural resources are limited, conservation is very important. Waste from the products people use creates large amounts of garbage—about 230 million tons a year in the United States alone. By understanding this and limiting what we throw away, we can reduce the amount of garbage produced. This will help conserve resources and protect the environment.

Directions Use the bar graph to answer these questions.

- 1 What material makes up the largest part of the garbage produced in the United States each year?

- 2 About how much glass do people in the United States throw away each year?

- 3 Each year, people recycle about half of all the yard waste produced in the United States. About how much yard waste do Americans recycle each year? _____

- 4 What are some ways you and your family could cut down on the amount of garbage you throw away each day? _____

