There's no 'away' to throw your scrap

AY 3-9 is Michigan Recycling Week.
Recycling as an Amerlean tradition began with
the Revolution. A statue was recycled into bullets for the patrints.
During World War II, there were
children's scrap drives where everything from in cans to animal fat
was collected for reuse. Oil recycling began during Will, and service stations still continue the practice today.

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Since WWII, however, Americans have been conditioned to think that anything old, empty, broken or



worn-out should be thrown away. It wasn't until the late '60s and a re-emergence of the importance of pro-tecting our environment that people discovered "when you throw some-thing away, there really is no 'away."

THE 1974-75 recession ended that phase of recycling prosperity, and many of the country's 3,000 recycling centers closed down.

The early '80s brought another look at recycling from an unlikely source — local government officials. These officials were beginning to face a problem of increased trash disposal costs combined with fewer landfills available to receive the trash.

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But progress has been slow because most of us are unaware we face a crisis: There really is no "away" any more, even though our

trash still disappears from our curb weekly.

The tlme has come to join (or rejoin) those recycling "fanatics" to
solve this increasing solid waste
problem.

Recycling in the broadest sense
refers to any process that reclaims
materials for reuse. Recycling can
play an important part in reducing
the amount of waste produced and
achieving a more sustainable way of
life by conserving resources. However
recycling is really only half the
answer to our growing waste problem.

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THE OTHER half is to reconsider the use of our resources in the first place and eliminate unnecessary waste when using our natural re-sources. These principles encompass both halves of this problem.

1. Avoid creating waste in the first place.

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• Avoid over-packaging on all products.

lighters, batteries and machines that do not have available replacement parts.

• Avoid goods made from a combination of materials that are difficult to separate for recycling.

• Avoid long-life materials when they are for disposable items, such as plastic bags and styrofoam cups.

• Avoid goods that are unnecessary or wastful of resources, like electric knives.

2. Products should be designed for reuse.

Reuse is usually more energy effi-cient than recycling. Melting down glass containers saves only 2 percent more energy than making new ones. Reuse can save from 25-40 percent of the energy consumed to make now

laws despite the proven savings of

our resources.

3. When reuse is impossible, materials should be broken down into their basic components and recycled.

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• Many materials can be reused in this way including the lead in batteries, copper products, tin and aluminum, and motor recyclable material, but hormally can only be recycled, once or twice, as repeated pare pulping shortens the fibers until the worth hang together.

• If materials are not reuseable or recyclable, they can be used for energy generation.

Energy can be recovered from wate through burning and using the heat created either directly or as a power source for electricity or steam generation.

Pyrojust can change waste into gases for fuel or as resources for the chemical industry.

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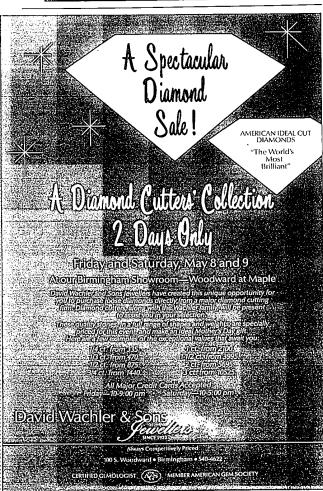
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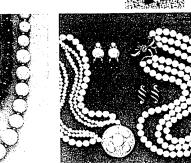
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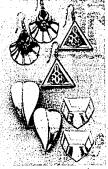


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