

# You Can Make a DIFFERENCE

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Did you know that every single person in the USA wastes on an average day about 4 pounds of trash? Did you know that the entire USA wastes about 220 million pounds of trash each day? I'm Amanda Griffin and I'm in the 7th grade attending Frances W. Parker Charter Essential School. In my class we have been working a lot on decomposition, with this unit we have been asked to help change our community in some way. My project is to tell my community about compost bins and composting. Composting is taking organic materials like food or leaves and letting them decompose into soil that can be used for anything you want. Also during this unit I wrote up a report all about decomposition, and I designed a compost bin. I really think my compost bin will work, you can E-mail me for instructions to build one my address is: [swimangel105@yahoo.com](mailto:swimangel105@yahoo.com). You can also design your own compost bin, but you have to keep in mind there are 2 necessary parts of your compost bin: moisture and air. If you don't have either of these then your compost bin will not be a success. If you don't have air then these red sticky microorganisms come and they can slow decomposition down by about 90%.

The average landfill is 13% organic wastes. And it takes about \$41,095,890.41 for the USA to get rid of our garbage each day. If every household had one compost bin it would save us about 13% in landfill space. So if every family has a compost bin and then it would cost us a lot less tax money going towards getting rid of garbage and then our tax money could go towards something else like our school systems or road work. So spread the word and tell friends, family, and every one else you know, tell them to have a compost bin and read my article. I would also appreciate it if you could write to me if you do build a compost bin or some one else did that you know, or what you thought about my article or if my article influenced you in any way. So making a compost bin can be your contribution to our community.