



# GREEN THEME

## WHY DON'T WE RECYCLE MORE ITEMS?

- Materials can only be collected for recycling if there are markets for them
- After materials are collected for recycling, they have to be processed - sorted, baled and shipped to markets
- If collection and processing costs are higher than the prices paid in the markets, there is no financial incentive for companies to pick up certain materials for recycling
- Market conditions vary from region to region nationwide, enabling some States to collect more recyclable materials than others

