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It's been 50 years since the recycling symbol was instituted. While it was a great idea at the time to expect individuals to learn and get in the habit of recycling, that has only proven to be somewhat successful. Apparently even less so lately. It is time to hold industry accountable and make it more difficult and expensive for them to continue utilizing packaging that cannot be recycled.

Corporations worldwide have had plenty of time to retool their manufacturing facilities to both build and package using only recyclable materials - penalize or tax them for creating waste that must be landfilled. Stop asking individuals to sort everything they use and make it all recyclable.

A quicker potential help would be to penalize manufacturers for failing to clearly identify everything as either recyclable or waste - if waste, add an environmental fee to them, instead of my hauler adding one to my bill. Goods and packaging must have their respective recycling symbol a size that can be easily read and in a location that can't be missed. The excuse that they will just pass the costs on to the purchaser is just that, we'll pay it to our counties as assessments and our haulers as environmental fees anyway.