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Making it easier for individuals to recycle/compost etc should be the goal. Education only goes so far when there are significant barriers. The more there is a shift in the community the more participation you will get in any of these programs. Things I believe will make a big difference for folks like me who would love to do better but have limited time/energy to do better.

1. Curbside food scrap pick up. I love that this is already on the table and I genuinely think this would make a huge difference.

2. Maybe 2-3 times a year have a date where folks can place things on the curb for pick up vs drive out to a location for some of the more difficult recycling options. Like 2-3 days a year for fabrics that will then go to an org that reuses/recycles fabric.

3. Incentives for cutting trees down that are infected with emerald ash borer. All our neighbors have those trees. But when it's 1k to remove one tree it's not going to happen. If there was a way for the govt to partner with a tree removal service, it would help significantly. Otherwise all of us around here are stuck with trees that will fall down and do significant damage to the property or to the roads, but we don't have the funds to get those down. When talking about treatment and education - those are okay but we treated our trees correctly for the last 4 years (I'm an ecologist) and the emerald ash borer still ended up destroying the trees on our property. The success rate is really low. From an environmental perspective it's better to cut those trees down and destroy them if possible to limit the spread.

4. Easy ways for people to get involved! I am passionate about educating people on how to recycle properly and how wishcycling is SIGNIFICANTLY worse than throwing something away. I'd happily volunteer at a local booth or event to spread the word. Most people just don't know the harms of recycling something that isn't meant to be recycled.

Thank you so much for taking this stuff seriously. I'm looking forward to BIG change that will help our communities!