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This is in response to the editorial in the Star Tribune on September 9th. The declining amount of recycling is troubling. If you are looking for reasons, consider news reports and social media posts relating to this subject. Headlines like "only 5% of your recycling gets reused" and other unhelpful comments. If you want people to recycle, educate them on where recycling goes, what is done with various items, what really is recycled, etc. The Lions Club in Park Rapids picks up plastic bags, sorts them and delivers them to a company that makes yard furniture out of them. Also, a bin for aluminum cans for the humane society is visible in a grocery store parking lot. Things like this get people's attention. More education on what can be recycled would help. A glass jar with plastic lid on, styrofoam, and many other items need public education to make recycling work. Education is needed!