

We need better recycling program

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To the editor:

After all the hype about the 3 R's and drumming it into every aspect of our society, I am really disappointed with the system we have ended up with.

Recently the recycling truck left behind more than half of the plastic items that they used to take, which has almost doubled our garbage. A phone call later I discovered that even though the plastic industry marks their products, this no longer matters. All that is actually collected and sold are pop bottles and a few other plastic containers -- it seems that if it's too hard to sort out the recyclables so it becomes garbage.

This would mean that since a majority of our household garbage was plastic and now even more so... recyclable plastic is going to be the majority of what is going to be burned.

I agree that there has to be a better way of getting rid of our waste but I think that one of the main reasons that there's so much of it is because the current recycling system is not working as well as they would have us believe.

Millions of dollars will be spent on setting up a system to burn garbage. Maybe less would be spent and more garbage diverted if the recycling program was improved.

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