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The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency is often asked if recycling really makes a difference. When statistics come out stating the recycling rate in the United States is at X amount, people question whether taking the extra few seconds to empty a can and put it in the recycling cart is worth it.

In Tehama County, those few seconds make a huge impact. The first phase of the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill opened in the 1950s and was capped in 2017. If you've been out to the landfill, Phase 1 is the large mountain looking formation, affectionately referred to as the Mountain of Trash. Currently, all the trash in the county is filling Phase 2. Recycling ensures Phase 2 remains open for as long as possible for everything not able to be recycled.

When you toss waste into your garbage cart, all of that is emptied into a truck and dumped directly into the landfill. By putting recyclables in your recycling cart, everything avoids the landfill and is instead taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where it is sorted and sent off for recycling. In 2021, over four thousand tons of recyclable materials were processed through the Tehama County/Red Bluff MRF, sparing it all from the landfill. By recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, valuable space is saved in the landfill and more "mountains of trash" are avoided.

Want to see all of the action up close? The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency offers tours of the landfill. Call the agency's office for details and availability.

For more information on recycling in Tehama County, please visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at (530) 528-1103.