The chart illustrates the percentage of four different materials which underwent the recycling process, over twenty-eight years spanning from 1982 to 2010.

It is clear that paper and cardboard were the most recycling materials over the period shown; however, plastics were the less recyclable ones.

As regards paper and cardboard recycling, it started at 65% in 1982; then, there was a fluctuation over the next eight years. After that, the line graph rose dramatically to 80%, which meant it reached a peak. Next, the figure fell significantly, finishing at around 60%. By contrast, the proportion of recycled glass containers went in the opposite direction. It began with half percent. Taking fluctuated around 50% until 1994. Afterwards, the figure had a gradual growth to 60%, that it was slightly less reusable than paper and cardboard.

Moreover, the recycling of aluminum cans and Plastics started in 1986 and 1990 respectively. While the number of recyclable aluminum cans rocketed considerably to just over 40% in 2010, plastics recycling had a negligible drop to just under 50%.