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# LETTER: Stop griping about trash

SAN ANGELO, Texas - Kathy Mirick, San Angelo

I am tired of listening to people whining about the new trash cans and one-day-a-week pickup.

Those trash cans are used by almost every major city and military base, and have been used for years. San Angelo is still living in the trash can dark ages.

The cans are big but they are very easy to move. I am 63 and can easily move them. My grandchildren have been moving them around for years. They are 11 and 13, and very small.

These cans hold a lot of trash and have lids that close so animals cannot get into them. If you have more trash than can fill one of those trash cans, that is a red flag that you are not recycling. Half or more of the trash people throw away can be recycled. All of us should be recycling. If you do not, shame on you.

I put out one small bag a week because all the rest I can take to the recycling center. Since the recycling center only takes No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, I limit my purchasing of products in other plastic containers.

I am excited to hear that maybe the trash company will be taking all recyclables so I can recycle everything.

I walk along the streets where I live and I see trash everywhere. It makes me want to cry. If you look out your front door and see trash along the road or on a fence across the street, please go out and help pick it up. Do not say: I didn't put it there, it isn't mine. We all have a duty to protect our Mother Earth, who gives us life. Please recycle.