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I am far from an expert on this, and I don't know how easily waste paper and cardboard are recycled. But from my own personal home life, I would offer the following observation. Our home recycling container is full every 2 weeks when it is picked up, and our regular trash container has hardly anything in it when it is picked up every week. A large part of the contents of our recycling container is junk mail paper and cardboard from items purchased online. This junk mail paper and cardboard are often contaminated with film and plastic attached. I suspect that this problem is worsened by the pandemic and increased online shopping. The cardboard often has plastic tape attached. It seems to me that our recycling could be improved by regulating the use of paper and cardboard in junk mail and packaging so that these materials could be recycled more easily. This would probably require a national policy. Maybe this is not a serious problem, but it seems that it might be.