One man, one dog, and one grocery bag respond to the challenge
The story begins with a dog who gets walked a few times a day...

**Dylan** (aka “Dogface”)
Age: 7 years
Born: Trenton, NJ
Weight: 65
Breed: Mutt
Occupation: Makes fur
Likes: Long walks, snacks, chin scratches
Dislikes: Nail-clips, Tail-pulls, Litter
And includes this guy, who has a habit of picking up trash rather than walking by.
He usually comes home with a few pieces of trash...
But recently he has been bringing home armloads.
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So this year, during Recyclemania, he decided to collect all the recyclables until the end, just to see how much they all weighed.
He put a trash can outside his door...
and put his armloads of trash in it.
It filled within days. So he switched to large plastic bags.
And rather than carrying it in his arms, one day he grabbed a bag...
and filled it.
He filled one the next day, too.
And the day after that.
And the next day.
And the day after that, too.
The next day, he took a bigger bag.
By the end of the week, this is what he had. (It seemed like a good idea to take Sunday off).

Just for fun, he recorded the routes he took on those dog walks. They looked like this...
Monday

0.73 miles
Tuesday

0.35 miles
Thursday

1.12 miles
Friday

0.84 miles
Saturday

1.01 miles
This is what he had at the end of that week.

- One Week
- Two bags
- 27.5 lbs
One Man, One Dog and One Grocery Bag a Day!
But he didn't stop there. Everyday until the end of Recyclemania, he left with an empty bag and returned with a full one. In the end, he had collected:

117.5 pounds of recyclable:
- Glass
- Plastic
- Aluminum
Thus, he accomplished his goal:

**United States Coast Guard Academy:**
81.75 lbs per student

*[Plymouth State University:]*
8.51 lbs per student

**Plymouth Recyclemaniac:**
117.5 lbs

**WINNER !!!**
But he is not done, because his beautiful town of Plymouth...
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Has a problem.
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because we all have a responsibility.
It is time we ALL stood up to say “This is NOT OK!!” and then we ALL bent down to pick it up.
YOU are challenged to join in Plymouth Pick-Uppalooza. All you have to do is grab a bag and go for a walk. And leave Plymouth cleaner at the end of this school year than you found it.
One group of students already did it on a rainy afternoon. With a GPS, they marked the spot of every piece of trash they collected.

In one hour, 6 students made this map and collected 39 lbs of recyclables and 19 lbs of trash.
Plymouth is a beautiful place.
We've even won awards for our environmentalism.
Isn't it time we cleaned up our own streets?
So join us on Facebook:

Or on the web: http://tinyurl.com/PlymouthPickUp

But mostly, join us on the streets with a bag, and

help leave Plymouth cleaner than you found it!!