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MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE:

All types of solid wastes generated by households and commercial establishments, except medical and hazardous waste and collected usually by local government bodies are termed as **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)**.

Solid waste refers to non-soluble material such as agricultural refuse, industrial waste, mining residues, demolition waste, municipal garbage or even sewage sludge. Most of these wastes cannot be recycled or rehabilitated for further use.

(or)

The wastes generated from human and animal activities that are normally solid and are discarded as useless or unwanted are called as solid waste.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Solid waste management (SWM) is associated with the control of waste generation, its storage, collection, transfer and transport, processing and disposal in a manner that is in accordance with the best principles of public health, economics, engineering, conservation, aesthetics, public attitude and other environmental considerations.

CLASSIFICATION OF SOLID WASTES

Solid wastes are the organic and inorganic waste materials such as product packaging, grass clippings, furniture, clothing, bottles, kitchen refuse, paper, appliances, paint cans, batteries, etc., produced in a society, which do not generally carry any value to the first user. Solid wastes, thus, encompass both a heterogeneous mass of wastes from the urban community as well as a more homogeneous accumulation of agricultural, industrial and mineral wastes.

1. Source-based classification

Classification based on place/location of wastes being generated.

(i) **Residential**: This refers to wastes from dwellings, apartments, etc., and consists of leftover food, vegetable peels, plastic, clothes, ashes, etc.

(ii) **Commercial**: This refers to wastes consisting of leftover food, glasses, metals, ashes, etc., generated from stores, restaurants, markets, hotels, motels, auto-repair shops, medical facilities, etc.

(iii) **Institutional**: This mainly consists of paper, plastic, glasses, etc., generated from educational, administrative and public buildings such as schools, colleges, offices, prisons, etc.

(iv) **Municipal**: This includes dust, leafy matter, building debris, treatment plant residuals, sludge, etc., generated from various municipal activities like construction and demolition, street cleaning, landscaping, etc.

(v) **Industrial**: This mainly consists of process wastes, ashes, demolition and construction wastes, hazardous wastes, etc., due to industrial activities.

(vi) **Agricultural**: This mainly consists of spoiled food grains and vegetables, agricultural remains, litter, etc., generated from fields, orchards, vineyards, farms, etc.

(vii) **Open areas**: this includes wastes from areas such as Streets, alleys, parks, vacant lots, playgrounds, beaches, highways, recreational areas, etc.

2. Type-based classification

Classification of wastes based on composition/nature of wastes

(i) **Garbage**:

- ✓ It refers to animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, sale, storage, preparation, cooking and serving of food.
- ✓ Such wastes contain putrescible (rotting) organic matter, which produces an obnoxious odour and attracts rats and other vermin.
- ✓ It, therefore, requires special attention in storage, handling and disposal.

(ii) **Ashes and residues**:

- ✓ It refers to waste remaining from the burning of wood, coal, charcoal, coke and other combustible materials.
- ✓ Ashes consist of fine powdery residue, cinders and clinker often mixed with small pieces of metal and glass.

- ✓ Since ashes and residues are almost entirely inorganic, they are valuable in landfills.

(iii) **Combustible and non-combustible wastes:**

- ✓ Includes wastes generated from households, institutions, commercial activities, etc., excluding food wastes and other highly putrescible material.
- ✓ Combustible material consists of paper, cardboard, textile, rubber, garden trimmings, etc.,
- ✓ Non-combustible material consists of such items as glass, crockery, tin and aluminium cans, ferrous and non-ferrous material and dirt.

(iv) **Bulky wastes:**

- ✓ It includes large household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, furniture, crates, vehicle parts, tyres, wood, trees and branches.
- ✓ It cannot be accommodated in normal storage containers, they require a special collection mechanism.

(v) **Street wastes:**

- ✓ It refers to wastes that are collected from streets, walkways, alleys, parks and vacant plots, and include paper, cardboard, plastics, dirt, leaves and other vegetable matter.

(vi) **Biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes:**

- ✓ Biodegradable wastes mainly refer to substances consisting of organic matter such as leftover food, vegetable and fruit peels, paper, textile, wood, etc., due to the action of micro-organisms, these wastes are degraded from complex to simpler compounds.
- ✓ Non-biodegradable wastes consist of inorganic and recyclable materials such as plastic, glass, cans, metals, etc.

(vii) **Dead animals:**

- ✓ Dead animals are those that die naturally or are accidentally killed on the road.
- ✓ Dead animals are divided into two groups - large and small. Among the large animals are horses, cows, goats, sheep, pigs, etc., and among the small ones are dogs, cats, rabbits, rats, etc.
- ✓ The reason for this differentiation is that large animals require special equipment for lifting and handling when they are removed.
- ✓ If not collected promptly, dead animals pose a threat to public health since they attract flies and other vermin as they decay.

(viii) **Abandoned vehicles:**

- ✓ It includes automobiles, trucks and trailers that are abandoned on streets and other public places.
- ✓ It has significant scrap value for their metal, and their value to collectors is highly variable.

(ix) **Construction and demolition wastes:**

- ✓ It refers to waste generated as a result of construction, refurbishment, repair and demolition of houses, commercial buildings and other structures.
- ✓ They consist mainly of earth, stones, concrete, bricks, lumber, roofing and plumbing materials, heating systems and electrical wires and parts of the general municipal waste stream.

(x) **Farm Wastes:**

- ✓ Wastes result from diverse agricultural activities such as planting, harvesting, production of milk, rearing of animals for slaughter and the operation of feedlots.

(xi) **Hazardous wastes:**

- ✓ Hazardous wastes are those defined as wastes from industrial, institutional or consumer origin that are potentially dangerous either immediately or over a period of time to human beings and the environment.

- ✓ This is due to their physical, chemical and biological or radioactive characteristics like ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity and toxicity.
- ✓ Typical examples of hazardous wastes are empty containers of solvents, paints and pesticides, which are frequently mixed with municipal wastes and become part of the urban waste stream.

(xii) **Sewagewastes:**

- ✓ The solid by-products of sewage treatment are classified as sewage wastes.
- ✓ They are mostly organic and derived from the treatment of organic sludge separated from both raw and treated sewages.
- ✓ Inorganic sewage are grit and eggshell.

EFFECTS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

1.4 EFFECTS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES – PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS

- ✓ Improper handling of solid wastes leads to potential risk to environment and public health. Direct health risks concern mainly the workers, due to contact with wastes.
- ✓ The main risk to public health is indirect and arises from the breeding of vectors, primarily flies & rats. It also affects aesthetic & beauty of the city.
- ✓ Uncontrolled hazardous wastes from industries mixing up with municipal wastes cause heavy metal mixing and create potential health risks to human being.

1.4.2 Public Health Effects

i) Disease vectors & pathways:

- ✓ waste dump provides food to vermin & agents of various diseases.
- ✓ Pathogens transmit via insects, flies, mosquitoes, roaches and animals like pigs, rodents, etc.

ii) Flies:

- ✓ Mostly housefly, transmits Typhoid, GI and dysentery. They have flight range of 10km, and spread to wide area.
- ✓ 4 stages in their life cycle are

Stage I : egg- deposited on worm & moist condition.

Stage II : larva- feed on organic matters.

Stage III : pupa- inactive for 4-10 days.

Stage IV : adult.

- ✓ To avoid flies, frequency of waste collection is adequate.
- ✓ Also the containers used for storage is to restrict access to flies.
- ✓ Covering solid wastes with a layer of earth at landfill sites at the end of every day, arrests the problem of fly breeding at the final stage.

iii) Mosquitoes:

- ✓ Transmit malaria, filarial & dengue fevers.
- ✓ Since they breed in stagnant water, control measures should taken on elimination of breeding places such as tins, tires , cans, etc.

iv) Roaches:

- ✓ cause infection by physical contact and transmit Typhoid, Cholera and Amoebiasis.

v) Rodents (rats):

- ✓ Spread plague, leptospirosis, rat bite fever.

vi) Occupational hazards:

- ✓ Workers handling wastes face risk of accidents, due to lack of safety like injuries.
- ✓ So they must wear gloves, masks & be vaccinated.

The diseases include:

- ✓ Skin & blood infections due to glass , metals
- ✓ Eye and respiratory infections resulting from exposure to infected dust.
- ✓ Disease that results from bites of animals feeding on the wastes.

- ✓ Intestinal infection by microbes on wastes.
- ✓ Chronic respiratory disease, including cancer resulting from exposure to dust & hazardous compounds.
- ✓ Bone & muscle disorder resulting from the handling of heavy containers & loading of vehicles
- ✓ Reduced visibility , due to dust and thus leads to accidents
- ✓ Poisoning and chemical burns due to contact with small amounts of chemical wastes like pesticides, cleansing solution /solvents.
- ✓ Burns due to methane gas from landfills
- ✓ Serious health hazards, particularly for children, due to careless dumping of lead acid batteries, cadmium- nickel & mercuric oxide batteries.

vii) **Animals:**

Dogs, cats, cows, goats, also act as carriers of disease.

1.4.3 Enviromental Effects

i) **Air Pollution:**

- ✓ Burning of solid wastes in open dumps (or) in improperly designed incinerators emit pollutants to atmosphere.
- ✓ Emission includes particulate matters, SO_2 , NO_2 , HCl , CO & CO_2 , Hg , etc.
- ✓ Discharge of Arsenic, Cadmium and Selenium is to be controlled, since they are toxic at relatively low levels.
 - ♦ Polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) commonly called Dioxins & Furans, are concern because of their toxicity, carcinogenicity & possible mutagenicity.

ii) Water and Land Pollution:

- ✓ results from dumping in open areas and storms water drains, improper design & construction of landfills.
- ✓ Control of infiltration rate from rainfall and surface runoff is essential to minimize leachate.
- ✓ Due to flow of ground water via SW at Landfill, percolation of rainwater cause ground water contaminations
- ✓ CO_2 produced keeps pH low and dissolve minerals in aquifers & affects ground water quality. Also depending on permeability & porosity of aquifers, it may spread to distant places.

iii) Visual Pollution:

- ✓ Aesthetic view is affected by piles of wastes on road side.

iv) Noise Pollution:

- ✓ Noise Pollution due to operations at sorting, incineration, transferring, landfills due to operation of large machines, vehicles movements, etc.

v) Odour Pollution:

- ✓ Obnoxious odor due to the presence of decaying organic matter of open dumps

vi) Explosion Hazards:

- ✓ Landfill gas released by anaerobic decomposition contains Methane (CH_4) (35-70%) prevented by venting, flaring by use of barriers.

SAMPLING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF WASTES

It is a laboratory testing of waste to study the characteristics, since solid waste is heterogeneous in nature.

Collection of samples of solid waste:

- ✓ Major collection sites are identified.
- ✓ Sampling points are distributed over the study area.
- ✓ 10 kg of waste is collected and mixed thoroughly.
- ✓ Waste is reduced by the method of quartering.
- ✓ Sample is subjected to physical and chemical analysis.

Characterization/Composition of MSW:

- ✓ The composition and characteristics of MSW vary throughout the world; even in the same country it changes from place to place.
- ✓ MSW is heterogeneous in nature and consists of a number of different materials derived from various types of activities.
- ✓ Waste composition varies with socio-economic status within a particular community.
- ✓ The proportion of paper waste increases with increasing national income.
- ✓ The proportion of putrescible organic matter (food) is greater in countries of low income than those of high income.
- ✓ variation in waste composition is more dependent on national income than geographic location.
- ✓ Waste density and moisture content is high in low income countries.

Physical characteristics

- ✓ Density
- ✓ Moisture content
- ✓ Size
- ✓ Calorific Value

Chemical characteristics

- ✓ Chemicals
- ✓ Biochemical
- ✓ Toxic

Physical characteristics

Density:

- Density of waste is its **mass per unit volume (kg/m^3)**, is a critical factor in the design of a solid waste management system, e.g., the design of sanitary landfills, storage, types of collection and transport vehicles, etc.
- Maximum limit of density is 600 kg/m^3 .

Moisture content:

- Moisture content is defined as the ratio of the weight of water (wet weight - dry weight) to the total wet weight of the waste. Moisture increases the weight of solid wastes, and thereby, the cost of collection and transport.
- A typical range of moisture content is 20 to 40%.

Size of Waste constituents:

- significance in the design of mechanical separators and shredder and waste treatment process.

Calorific Value:

- Calorific value is the amount of heat generated from combustion of a unit weight of a substance, expressed as kcal/kg.

Chemical characteristics

Chemical:

Chemical characteristics include pH, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (N-P-K), total Carbon, C/N ratio, calorific value.

Bio-Chemical:

Bio-Chemical characteristics include carbohydrates, proteins, natural fibre, and biodegradable factor.

Toxic:

Toxicity characteristics include heavy metals, pesticides, insecticides, Toxicity test for Leachates (TCLP), etc.

Lipids

- This class of compounds includes fats, oils and grease.
- Major source of lipids are garbage, cooking oils and fats.
- Lipids have high calorific values, about 38000 kcal/kg.
- The rate of biodegradation is relatively slow.

Carbohydrates

- Carbohydrates are found primarily in food and yard waste. They include sugars and polymers of sugars such as starch and cellulose.
- Decomposing carbohydrates are particularly attractive for flies and rats.
- Partial decomposition of these compounds can result in the production of amines that have unpleasant odours.

Proteins

- Proteins are compounds containing carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen and consist of an organic acid with a substituted amine group (NH_2).
- They are found mainly in food and garden wastes and comprise 5- 10% of the dry solids in solid waste.

Natural fibres

- This class includes the natural compounds, cellulose and lignin, both of which are resistant to biodegradation.
- They are found in paper and paper products and in food and yard waste.
- Calorific value ranges 12000-18000 KJ/kg

Synthetic organic material (Plastics)

- They are highly resistant to biodegradation and, therefore, are objectionable and of special concern in solid waste management.

- The increasing attention being paid to the recycling of plastics to reduce the proportion of this waste component at disposal sites.

Non-combustibles

- This class includes glass, ceramics, metals, dust and ashes, and accounts for 12 – 25% of dry solids.

ELEMENTS OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Waste generation:

Wastes are generated at the start of any process, and thereafter, at every stage as raw materials are converted into goods for consumption. For example, wastes are generated from households, commercial areas, industries, institutions, street cleaning and other municipal services.

2. Waste storage:

Storage is a key functional element because collection of wastes never takes place at the source or at the time of their generation. Onsite storage is of primary importance due to aesthetic consideration, public health and economics involved.

3. Waste collection:

This includes gathering of wastes and hauling them to the location, where the collection vehicle is emptied, which may be a transfer station, a processing plant or a disposal site.

4. Transfer and transport:

The transfer of wastes from smaller collection vehicles, where necessary to overcome the problem of narrow access lanes, to larger ones at transfer stations. The subsequent transport of the wastes, usually over long distances, to disposal sites.

5. Processing:

Processing is required to alter the physical and chemical characteristics of wastes for energy and resource recovery and recycling. The important processing techniques include compaction, thermal volume reduction, manual separation of waste components, incineration and composting.

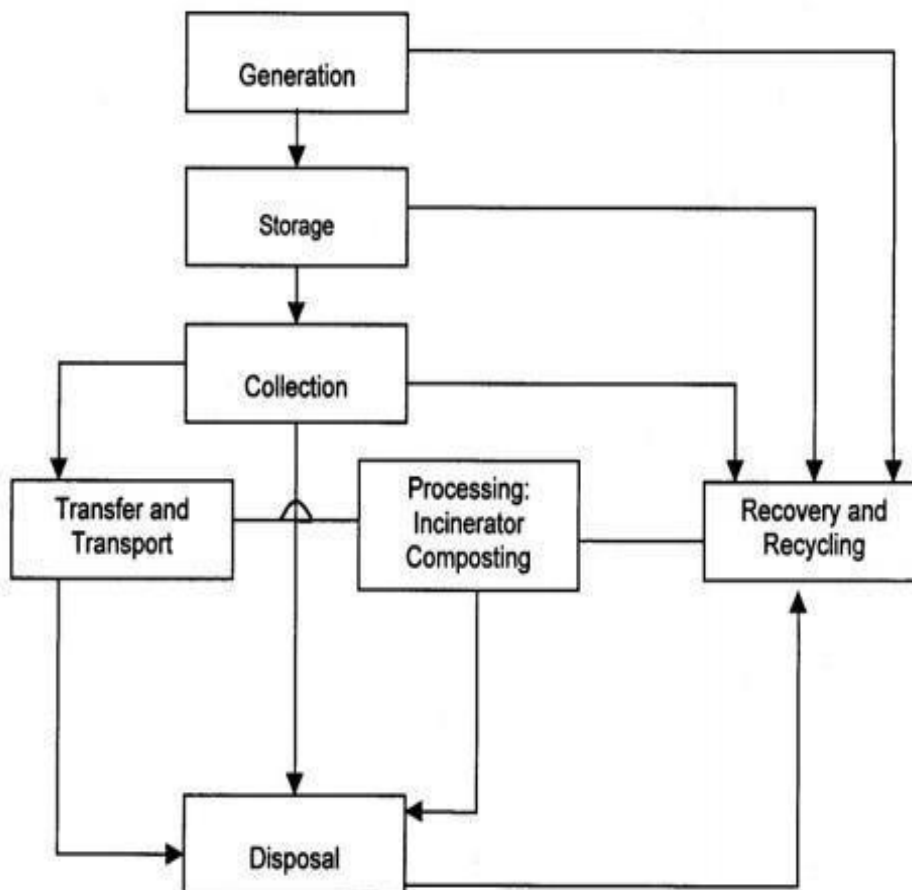
6. Recovery and recycling:

Recovery involves the separation of valuable resources from the mixed solid wastes, delivered at transfer stations or processing plants. It also involves size reduction and density separation by air classifier, magnetic device for iron and screens for glass.

7. Waste disposal:

Disposal is the ultimate fate of all solid wastes, be they residential wastes, semi-solid wastes from municipal and industrial treatment plants, incinerator residues, composts or other substances that have no further use to the society.

Typical SWM System: Functional Elements



FACTORS AFFECTING GENERATION OF SOLID WASTE:

Geographic location

The influence of geographic location is related primarily to different climates that can influence both the amount of certain types of solid waste generated and the collection operation.

Seasons

Seasons of the year have implications for the quantities and composition of certain types of solid wastes. For eg. The growing season of fruits and vegetables may vary.

Collection frequency

In localities where there are ultimate collection services, more wastes are collected. It does not mean that more wastes are generated. But due to the frequency of collection waste generation rate gets vary in other areas.

Population diversity

The characteristics of the population influence the quantity and composition of waste generated.

Public attitude

Significant reduction in the quantity of solid waste is possible if only people are willing to change their habits and lifestyles to conserve the natural resources.

Legislation

The existence of local and state regulations concerning the use and disposal of specific materials is an important factor that influence the composition and generation of wastes.

Extent of salvaging and recycling

The existence of salvaging and recycling affects the quantities of wastes collected.

PRINCIPLE OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Municipal Solid Waste Management involves the principle of Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) to solid waste.
- ✓ ISWM is the application of suitable techniques to achieve the twin objectives,
 - Waste reduction
 - Effective management of waste still produced after waste reduction

Waste reduction:

Sustainable development can only be achieved if society and industry produces “more with less” i.e. more goods and services with less use of world’s resources (raw materials and energy) and less pollution and waste.

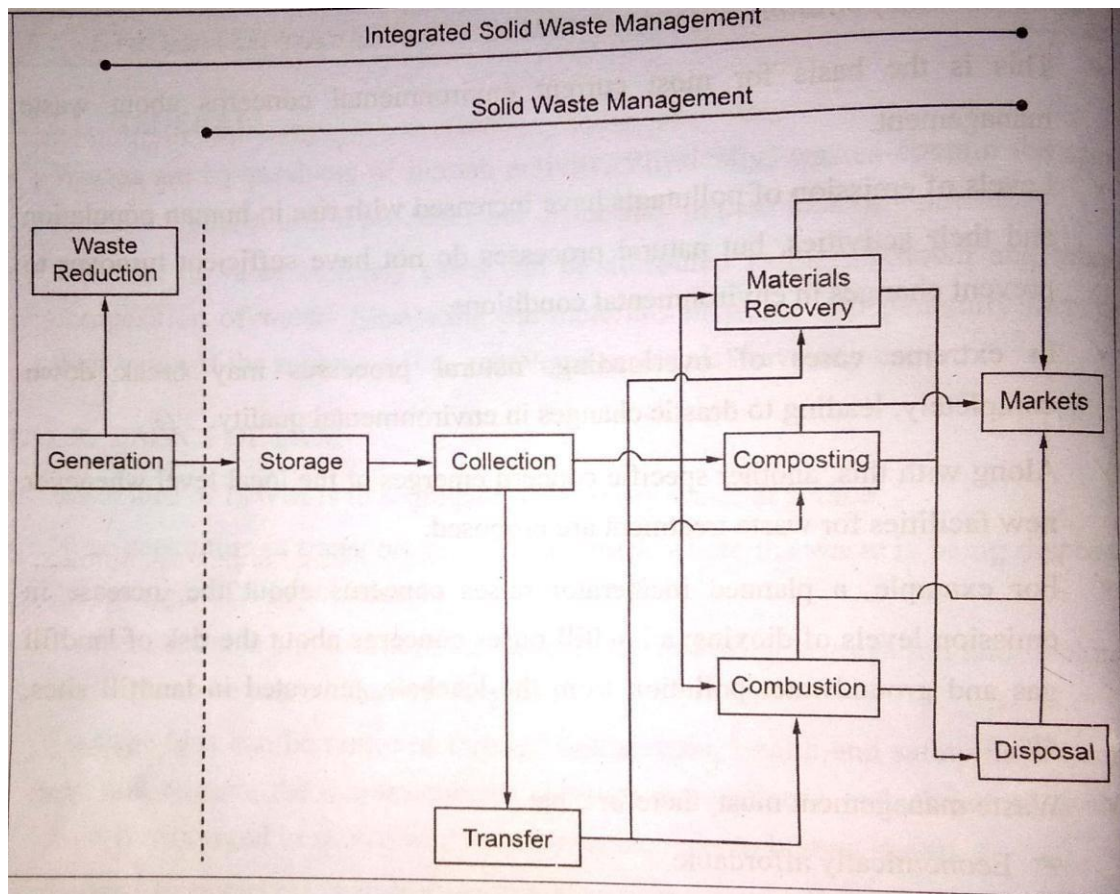
Effective management of Solid waste:

Effective management of Solid waste is needed to ensure better human health and safety. It should be,

- ✓ Economically affordable
- ✓ Socially acceptable
- ✓ Environmentally effective and safe

Effective waste management system includes one or more of the following options,

- ✓ Waste collection and transportation.
- ✓ Resource recovery through sorting and recycling i.e. recovery of materials through separation.
- ✓ Resource recovery through waste processing i.e. recovery of energy through biological, thermal or other processes.
- ✓ Waste transformation i.e. reduction of volume, toxicity or other physical/chemical properties of waste to make it suitable for final disposal.



CharacteristicsofISWM:

- ✓ AnIntegratesystem
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Marketoriented
- ✓ Sociallyacceptable

Requirements and salient features of Solid waste management rules(2016)

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Duties of waste generators
- ✓ Duties of Ministry of Urban Development
- ✓ Duties of Department of Fertilisers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- ✓ Duties of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- ✓ Duties of the Ministry of Power

- ✓ Duties of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Sources
- ✓ Duties of the Secretary-in-charge, Urban Development in the States and Union Territories and Duties of the Secretary-in-charge of Village Panchayats or Rural Development Department in the State and Union Territory.
- ✓ Duties of Central Pollution Control Board
- ✓ Duties and Responsibilities of local authorities and village Panchayats of census towns and urban agglomerations.
- ✓ Duties of District Magistrate or District Collector or Deputy Commissioner
- ✓ Duties of State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee
- ✓ Duty of manufacturers or Brand owners of disposable products and sanitary napkins and diapers
- ✓ Duties of the industrial units located within one hundred km from the RDF and Waste to Energy plants based on solid waste
- ✓ Criteria for setting up solid waste processing and treatment facility
- ✓ Criteria and actions to be taken for solid waste management in hilly areas

1. Application

The Rules shall apply to every urban local body and to every domestic, institutional, commercial and any other non residential solid wastegenerator **except industrial waste, hazardous waste, hazardous chemicals, bio-medical wastes, e-waste, lead acid batteries and radio-active waste.**

2. Duties of wastegenerators

- ✓ All waste generators shall segregate and store the waste generated by them in three separate streams namely bio-degradable, non bio-degradable and domestic hazardous wastes in suitable bins.
- ✓ hand over segregated waste to authorized drag-pickers or waste collectors
- ✓ Shall store separately construction and demolition waste, as and when generated and dispose off as per the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016
- ✓ Shall store horticulture waste and garden waste generated from his premises separately and dispose of as per the directions of the local authority.
- ✓ Shall not throw, burn or bury the solid waste generated by him, on streets, open public spaces outside his premises or in the drain or water bodies.
- ✓ Shall pay such user fee for solid waste management, as specified in the bye-laws of the local bodies.
- ✓ Shall wrap securely the used sanitary waste like diapers, sanitary pads etc., in the pouches provided by the manufacturers or brand owners of these products

3. Duties of Ministry of Urban Development

- ✓ formulate National Policy and Strategy on Solid Waste Management including policy on Waste to Energy.
- ✓ promote research and development.
- ✓ undertake training and capacity building of local bodies.
- ✓ provide technical guidelines and project finance.
- ✓ review periodically the measures taken by the States.

4. Duties of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

- ✓ To provide flexibility in Fertiliser Control Order for manufacturing and sale of compost.
- ✓ propagate utilisation of compost on farmland.
- ✓ set up laboratories to test quality of compost produced by local authorities or their authorized agencies.

5. Duties of Department of Fertilisers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

- ✓ To provide market development assistance on city compost.
- ✓ To ensure promotion of co-marketing of compost with chemical fertilizers in the ratio of 3 to 4 bags compost: 6 to 7 bags chemical fertilizer.

6. Duties of the Ministry of Power

- ✓ To decide and declare tariff or charges for the power generated from the Waste to Energy plants based on solid waste.
- ✓ To ensure compulsory purchase power generated from such Waste to Energy plants based on solid waste by power distribution companies.

7. Duties of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Sources

- ✓ To facilitate infrastructure creation for Waste to Energy plants.
- ✓ To provide appropriate subsidy or incentives for such Waste to Energy plants

8. Duties of the Secretary-in -charge, Urban Development in the States and Union Territories and Duties of the Secretary -in- charge of Village Panchayats or Rural Development Department in the State and Union Territory.

- ✓ Shall prepare a state policy on solid waste management within a year through the Director of Municipal Administration and it is reckoned from 1st July 2017.
- ✓ ensure identification and allocation of suitable land for setting up processing and disposal facilities for solid wastes within one year.
- ✓ The policy to emphasize on waste minimization, recycle, reuse, recovery and utilization of solid waste.
- ✓ ensure that the developers of Special Economic Zone, Industrial Estate, Industrial park earmark at least 5% of the total area of the plot or minimum 5 plots/sheds for recovery and recycling facility.
- ✓ notify buffer zone for the solid waste processing and disposal facilities of more than 5 tons per day in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.

9. Duties of Central Pollution Control Board

- ✓ The Central Pollution Control Board shall co-ordinate with the State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees for implementation of these rules and adherence to the prescribed standards by local authorities.
- ✓ review the proposals of state pollution control boards or pollution control committees on use of any new technologies for processing, recycling and treatment of solid waste and prescribe performance standards, emission norms for the same within 6 months.
- ✓ formulate /review the standards for ground water, ambient air, noise pollution, leachate in respect of all solid waste processing and disposal facilities;
- ✓ to review and update the norms from time to time.
- ✓ To review the implementation of such norms at least once in a year.

10. Duties and Responsibilities of local authorities and village Panchayats of

census towns and urban agglomerations.

- ✓ local authorities and Panchayats shall prepare a solid waste management plan as per State Policy within six months
- ✓ arrange for door to door collection of segregated solid waste; integrate rag pickers /informal waste collectors in solid waste management
- ✓ frame bye-laws incorporating the provisions of these rules within one year, prescribe user fee;
- ✓ direct waste generators not to litter and to segregate the waste at source and handover the segregated waste to authorized waste pickers the waste collector authorized by the local authority;
- ✓ setup material recovery facilities or secondary storage facilities and provide easy access to waste pickers and recyclers for collection of segregated recyclable waste;
- ✓ establish waste deposition centres for domestic hazardous waste and ensure safe storage and transportation of the domestic hazardous waste to the hazardous waste disposal facility or as may be directed by the state pollution control board/committee;
- ✓ direct street sweepers not to burn tree leaves collected from street sweeping and store them separately and handover to the waste collectors or agency authorised by local authority;

- ✓ provide training on solid waste management to waste-pickers and waste collectors;
- ✓ promote setting up of decentralized compost plant or bio-methanation plant at suitable locations in the markets or in the vicinity of markets ensuring hygienic conditions;
- ✓ collect separately waste from sweeping of streets, lanes and by-lanes daily, or on alternate days or twice a week depending on the density of population, commercial activity and local situation.;
- ✓ prepare and submit annual report before the 30th April of the succeeding year to the Commissioner or Director, Municipal Administration or designated Officer and be send to the Secretary, -in-Charge of State Urban Development Department or village panchayat or rural development department and to the respective State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee by the 31st May of every year;
- ✓ educate workers including contract workers and supervisors for door to door collection of segregated waste and transporting the unmixed waste during primary and secondary transportation to processing or disposal facility;
- ✓ ensure that the operator of a facility provides personal protection equipment including uniform, fluorescent jacket, hand gloves, raincoats, appropriate foot wear and masks to all workers handling solid waste and the same are used by the workforce
- ✓ create public awareness on SWM
- ✓ stop land filling or dumping of mixed waste soon after the timeline as specified in Rule 23 for setting up and operationalization of sanitary landfill is over;
- ✓ allow only the non-usable, non-recyclable, non-biodegradable, non-combustible and non-reactive inert waste and pre-processing rejects & residues from waste processing facilities to go to sanitary landfill;

11. Duties of District Magistrate or District Collector or Deputy Commissioner

- ✓ The District Magistrate shall facilitate identification and allocation of suitable land for setting up solid waste processing and disposal facilities.
- ✓ review the performance of local bodies, at least once in a quarter.

12. Duties of State Pollution Control Board

- ✓ The State Pollution Control Board shall enforce these rules in their State.
- ✓ monitor environmental standards.
- ✓ examine the proposal for grant of authorization.

- ✓ regulate Inter-State movement of waste.

13. Duty of manufacturers or Brand owners of disposable products and sanitary napkins and diapers

- ✓ All marketing companies shall educate the masses for wrapping and disposal of their products.
- ✓ All brand owners who sale or market their products in such packaging material which are non-biodegradable shall put in place a system to collect back the packaging waste generated due to their production.

14. Duties of the industrial units located within one hundred km from the RDF and Waste to Energy plants based on solid waste

- ✓ All industrial units using fuel and located within 100 km from a solid waste based RDF plant shall make arrangements within six months from the date of notification of these rules to replace at least 5 % of their fuel requirement by RDF so produced.

15. Criteria for setting up solid waste processing and treatment facility.

- ✓ The department dealing the allocation of land will be responsible for providing suitable land.
- ✓ The operator of the facility shall obtain necessary approvals from the State Pollution Control Board and responsible for safe and environmentally sound operations of the solid waste processing and treatment facilities.
- ✓ The operator of the solid waste processing and treatment facility shall submit annual report by 30th April to the State Pollution Control Board/ Pollution Committee and Local authority.

16. Criteria and actions to be taken for solid waste management in hilly areas

- ✓ Construction of landfill on the hill shall be avoided.
- ✓ A suitable land shall be identified in the plain areas down the hill within 25 kilometers for setting up sanitary landfill.

ELEMENTS OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- ✓ Planning Process
- ✓ Design Period
- ✓ Population Forecast
- ✓ Basic Planning Model
- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Plan Outline

Planning Process

- recognizing the problems that exist;
- collecting and analysing data about these problems;
- suggesting actions to change the situation or correct the problem;
- evolves suitable strategy for implementation with respect to time frame;
- evaluation of the actions taken of success or failure in achieving objectives and modification of the plan to meet changing conditions.

Design Period

- While preparing a municipal solid waste management plan, the following design period involving all such activities would have to be decided depending upon the necessity of solid waste management plan
- (i) Short-term plan (2-5 years)
- (ii) Medium-term plan (5-15 years)
- (iii) Long-term plan (15-25 years)

Population Forecast

- The design population will have to be estimated with due regard to all the factors governing the future growth and development of the project area in the industrial, commercial, educational, social and administrative spheres.

Basic Planning Model

- (1) In the planning process is awareness that a problem exists and needs to be solved.
- (2) To collect and analyze data relating to the problem
- (3) Significance of environmental and health impact assessment is aimed for proper management of municipal solid waste.
- (4) Problem definition for both the present and future situation.
- (5) Help to suggest objectives that if achieved would solve the problems.
- (6) Two or more alternatives might be available for solving the problem and achieving objectives.
- (7) Alternatives are selected by considering technical, political, social and other factors.
- (8) Once this decision has been made a plan for solution of the problems can be adopted.

The agency conducting the planning should have initiated an information and education program early in the plan formulation stages,

- Print and electronic media can play a vital role in creating awareness and educating the public
- News releases, films, articles, and speakers, for example, can help develop public awareness and aid in approval of solid waste management plans and programs.

Coordination

- Essence of planning is coordination. Planning requires resolution of conflicting interests, allocation of available funds and other resources, inter-governmental and interdepartmental cooperation, and establishment of priorities.

PlanOutline

- The basic planning model can be translated into an outline for reporting the established plan. the following sample format for the preparation of the Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan.
 - Introduction
 - ExecutiveSummary
 - BackgroundofthePlanningArea
 - Jurisdictions(national, state, city, location, transportation land)
 - PhysicalConditions(climate,enevironment, soil, financial and legislation status)
 - ExistingSWMConditions
 - FutureConditionsandProblemDefinition
 - Objectives
 - RecommendationsforSolution
 - Implementation
 - MonitoringandPerformanceEvaluationoftheProgramme

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- Carryout SWM program in areas where municipal corporation are not providing Service.
- Doortodoorcollectionofwaste.
- Setting up and operation and maintenance of work disposal facility and treatment plants.
- Supplyingvehiclesonrent,lease,repairsandmaintenanceatprivategarage.
- Transportationofwasteoncontractualbasis

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- Actively support the new strategies adopted by the local body and bring public awareness.

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Unit II

Source Reduction, Waste Storage and Recycling

Waste Management Hierarchy-Reduction, Reuse and Recycling -source reduction of waste – On-site storage methods – Effect of storage, materials used for containers – segregation of solid wastes – Public health and economic aspects of open storage – case studies under Indian conditions – Recycling of Plastics and Construction/Demolition wastes.

WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

- ✓ The aim of the waste hierarchy is to extract the maximum practical benefits from products and to generate the minimum amount of waste.
- ✓ It can help prevent emissions of greenhouse gases, reduce pollutants, save energy, conserve resources.



WASTE PREVENTION

According to this principle, the manufacturing industries,

- ✓ Should make use of less hazardous materials in the design and manufacturing of the products.

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- ✓ They should develop strategies to have a cleaner and environment friendly production.

REDUCTION

- ✓ second preferred option of the waste management hierarchy.
- ✓ to make changes in the type of materials that are being used for the production of the specific products, so as to ensure that the by-products are of the least toxicity.

REUSE

- ✓ Reuse happens when something that already fulfilled its original function is used for another purpose.
- ✓ It helps in minimizing the amount of wastes produced as end product, saves the natural resources and reduces the costs associated with the production and manufacturing.

RECYCLE

- ✓ The waste materials are implemented in the production of a new product.
- ✓ The waste materials of various forms are collected and then processed to give rise to new products.
- ✓ This process prevents pollution and saves energy.

RECOVERY

- ✓ The energy recovery process is also called as waste to energy conversion.
- ✓ The waste that cannot be recycled are being converted into useable forms of energy such as heat, light and electricity etc.
- ✓ This helps in the saving of various natural resources.
- ✓ Various processes such as combustion, anaerobic digestion, landfill gas recovery, pyrolyzation and gasification are being implemented to carry out the conversion process.

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DISPOSAL

- ✓ The disposal process holds the last position in the waste management hierarchy.
- ✓ Remaining waste or residues from various waste management processes must be stored in final disposal site.

SOURCE REDUCTION OF WASTE

- ✓ Source reduction, also known as waste prevention or pollution prevention, is the elimination of waste before it is created.
- ✓ It involves the design, manufacture, purchase or use of materials and products to reduce the amount or toxicity of what is thrown away.
- ✓ Source reduction is the top solid waste priority of environmental protection agencies of many of the developed countries.

Examples of source reduction of waste,

- ✓ Replacing plastic grocery bags with a reusable cloth bag would be an example.
- ✓ Source reduction, including reuse, can help reduce waste disposal and handling costs, because it avoids the costs of recycling, municipal composting, landfilling, and combustion.

ADVANTAGES OF SOURCE REDUCTION AND ON-SITE PROCESSING:

- ✓ Hazardous material from general waste is removed.
- ✓ Clean recyclable materials are generated.
- ✓ Health risks to the general population particularly the waste handlers are minimized.
- ✓ Working condition within recycling plants is improved.
- ✓ Efficiency of energy recovery process is improved.

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- ✓ Quality of end products gets improved.
- ✓ Overall waste management cost is minimized.

SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING.

- ✓ Recycling is collecting already used materials and making them into another product.
- ✓ Recycling begins at the end of a product's life, while source reduction first takes place when the product and its packaging are being designed.

The best way to think about source reduction and recycling is as complementary activities - combined, source reduction and recycling have a significant impact on preventing solid waste and saving resources

Importance of source reduction of waste:

- (a) Source reduction conserves raw material and energy resources. Smaller packages and concentrated products typically use fewer materials and less energy to manufacture and transport.
- (b) Source reduction reduces releases to air, land and water. For example, it takes less fuel to transport lighter weight materials.
- (c) Source reduction cuts back on what has to be thrown away. That helps keep solid waste disposal costs down, which is good for municipal budgets and consumers.
- (d) Source-reduced products take up less space, and are more efficient and easier to use.

STORAGE OF WASTE:

- ✓ At source
- ✓ At community level
- ✓ At transfer stations

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ONSITE HANDLING

- ✓ Onsite handling refers to the activities associated with handling of solid waste until they are placed in the containers used for their storage before collection.

IMPORTANCE OF ON-SITE HANDLING:

- ✓ Reduce volume of waste generated
- ✓ Alter physical form
- ✓ Recover usable materials

ONSITE HANDLING METHODS:

- ✓ Sorting
- ✓ Shredding
- ✓ Grinding
- ✓ composting

SORTING:

- ✓ The sorting or separation of waste materials into newspapers, aluminum cans, and glass and others by hand at the household is one of the most positive ways to achieve the recovery and reuse materials



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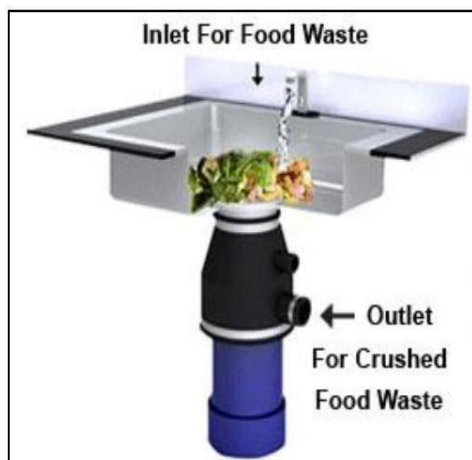
SHREDDING:

Mechanical operations used to reduce the size and volume of waste that must be handled. It is used alone without the addition of water, where the volume of wastes has often been observed to increase. eg. Paper wastes.



GRINDING:

It is also used for reducing the size of solid waste.



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COMPOSTING:

It is an effective way of reducing the volume and altering the physical composition of solid waste while at the same time producing a useful by-product.



FACTORS IN ON-SITE STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE

1. Effects of storage on the waste components
2. Type of container to be used
3. Container location
4. Public health and aesthetics

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1. Effects of storage on the waste components

Biological decomposition

- ✓ Food and other wastes placed in onsite storage containers will almost immediately start to undergo microbiological decomposition often called putrefaction which results in the growth of bacteria and fungi.
- ✓ If wastes are allowed to remain in storage containers for extended periods of time, flies can start to breed and odorous compounds can develop.

Absorption of fluids

- ✓ The components that comprise solid wastes have differing initial moisture contents. Re-equilibration takes place as wastes are stored onsite in containers. Where mixed wastes are stored together, paper will absorb moisture from food wastes and fresh garden trimmings.

Contamination of waste components

- ✓ The most serious effect of onsite storage of wastes is the contamination that occurs.
- ✓ The major waste components may be contaminated by small amounts of wastes such as motor oils, household cleaners, and paints.
- ✓ The effect of this contamination is to reduce the value of the individual components for recycling.

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STORAGE CONTAINER

3. **Storage Containers-** Efficient collection system requires careful consideration of type, size and location of containers.
- ✓ Family – Small containers (manual handling)
 - ✓ Residential units – large – Mechanical handling



Desirable characteristics:

- ✓ Low cost
- ✓ Size
- ✓ Weight
- ✓ Shape
- ✓ Resistant to corrosion
- ✓ Watertightness
- ✓ Strength and durability

2. Type of container to be used

- ✓ **Stationary container:**

used for contents to be transferred to collection vehicles at the site of storage.

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✓ Hauled container:

Used for contents to be directly transferred to a processing plant, transfer station or disposal site for emptying before being returned to the storage site.

Materials used for containers:

- Plastics
- PVC/Polymer materials e.g. Nylon
- Wood/bamboo
- Steel/iron bins
- Discarded cans/tins
- Packing boxes

Types of containers presently used for storage in houses are,

- Buckets
- Plastic bins
- Plastic bags
- Metal bins with or without lids
- Steel and ferrous containers are heavy and subject to corrosion; the rust peels off exposing sharp edges.
- Materials like cardboard, wood, bamboo readily absorb and retain moisture and their surfaces are generally rough, irregular and difficult to clean.
- Galvanized metal is preferable for garbage storage because it is resistant to corrosion.
- Plastic cans are light in weight but easily damaged by rats and also ultraviolet rays also destroy it.

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- RCC bins of concrete pipe section with 1m dia and 1m height are readily available in the market, it becomes wet since no cover on top.
- Large brick masonry bins of 1m x 1m x 1m.

Litter bins

- These are provided to enable the citizen to deposit the waste along streets and public places.
- Consist of 2 parts with an outer part of standard size and separate inner part which can be easily lifted and emptied during collection.
- Capacity of 30 to 50 litres.
- It usually has a cover to prevent rain water from entering inside.



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Communal container– Compactor collection container. Fixed/moving. Movable containers are with accessories provided for lifting mechanism of collection vehicles. Vehicle can lift and empty mechanically. Capacity is generally 1-4 m³.

At vegetable markets & large commercial centers, capacity is 15- 20 m³ and consist of wheels.

Collection vehicle keep empty container before it hauls the filled container.

Ideally these should be located 100 -200 m apart for economic reasons. Fuel consumption increases if vehicle has to stop at every 50m.



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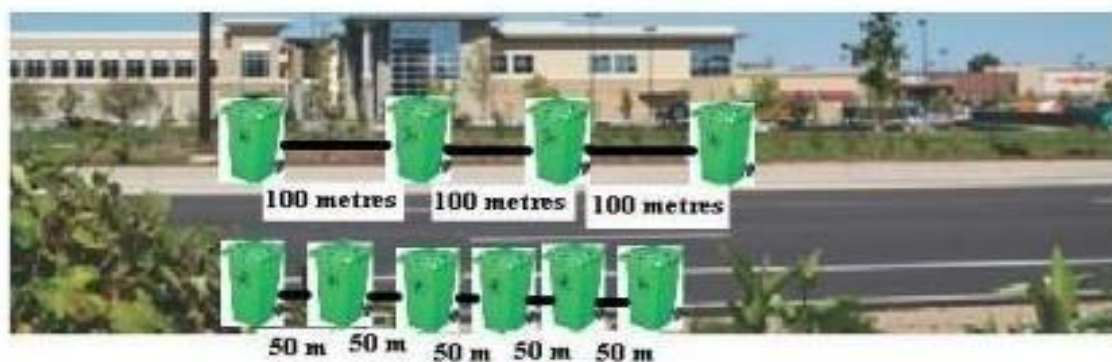
3. Container Location

It is advisable to place the containers 100-200m apart for economic reasons.

The communal containers are usually staggered such that the effective distance of 100m is maintained as shown in fig.

This means that the farthest distance the household will have to walk is 50 metres. However in narrow streets with low traffic where the house owner can readily cross the street, a longer distance is advisable.

If the collection vehicle has to stop frequently at every 50m fuel consumption increases and this must be avoided.



DISADVANTAGES OF COMMUNAL CONTAINERS

- Potential lack of maintenance
- Scattered and residual waste emits foul smell
- Consumes long time for cleaning by crew

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TEMPORARY AND DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS

- paper bags, cardboard boxes, plastic containers and bags, and wooden boxes are routinely used as temporary and disposable containers of accumulated wastes .
- Under normal circumstances, temporary containers are removed along with the wastes.

Present scenario

In India waste storage depots are inefficient, unhygienic and unscientific causing a serious threat to public health and environment.

- Open sites
- Cement concrete cylindrical bins/Masonry bins
- Metal rings
- Dhalavs (Large concrete bins)

Color coding

- The color coding makes the process understandable even for low-skilled workers with language and reading problems an easy way by a fixed color.
- Warning colors for hazardous waste (Red, yellow, orange) . Positive colors for recycling (Blue, green, etc.) • Neutral colors for normal waste (Black, etc.) •

4. Public Health and Aesthetics

- ✓ Public health concerns are related primarily to the infestation of areas used for the storage of solid wastes with vermin and insects that often serve as potential reservoirs of disease.

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- ✓ The most effective control measure for both rats and flies is proper sanitation.
- ✓ It involves the use of containers with tight lids.
- ✓ The periodic washing of the containers as well as of the storage areas, and the periodic removal of biodegradable materials (usually within less than 8 days, in areas with warm climates).
- ✓ Aesthetic considerations are related to the *production of odors* and the unsightly conditions that can develop when "adequate attention is not given to" the maintenance of sanitary conditions.
- ✓ Most odors can be controlled through the use of containers with tight lids and with the maintenance of a reasonable collection frequency.
- ✓ If odors persist, the contents of the container can be sprayed as a temporary expedient.
- ✓ To maintain aesthetic conditions, the container should be scrubbed and washed periodically.

Onsite Segregation of Solid Wastes

- ✓ It means separation or sorting of individual constituents of waste materials at the point of generation.

Objectives of Onsite Separation or Sorting or Segregation:

- ✓ To separate recyclable materials for reuse.
- ✓ To ensure the waste, which can be processed for recovery of material and energy.
- ✓ To separately store hazardous materials for disposal in hazardous waste landfills or appropriate processing.
- ✓ To minimize the waste and ensure reduction in landfill space for final disposal.

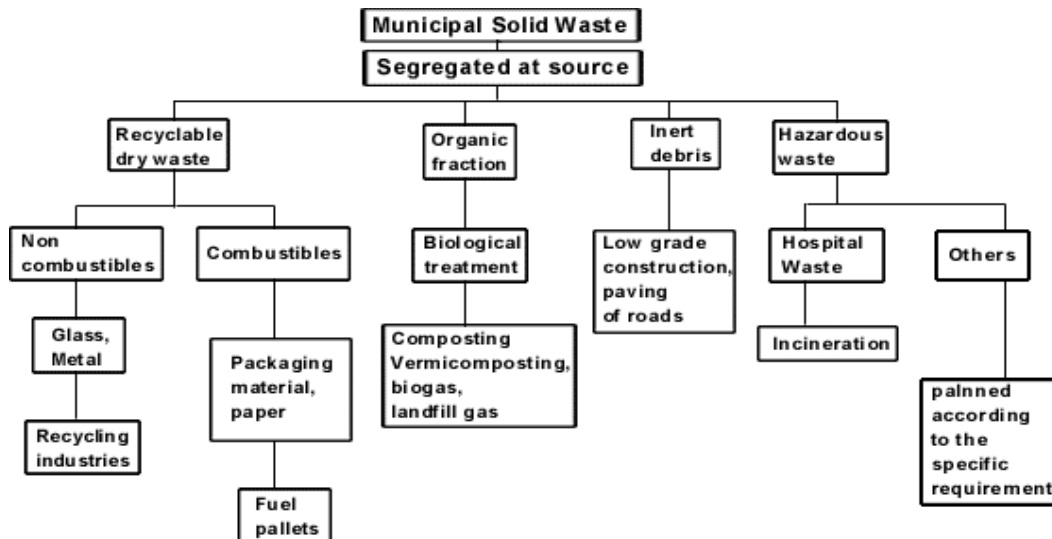
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Stages of Sorting:

- ✓ At the sources/household level
- ✓ At the community bin
- ✓ At the transfer station
- ✓ At waste processing site
- ✓ At landfill site.

Sorted wastestreams

- ✓ Dry recyclables
- ✓ Construction and demolition wastes
- ✓ Bio-degradable waste
- ✓ Bulky waste
- ✓ Hazardous waste



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Source separation may be voluntary or mandated and is done in conjunction with several recycling programs.

Source separation elements:

- ✓ Dropoff
- ✓ Buy-back
- ✓ Curbside program

Drop-off

- ✓ Requires residents to separate their recyclable materials and bring them back to a specific drop off center.

Buyback

- ✓ Buyback refers to a dropoff program that provides incentives to participate.

Curbside program

- ✓ Source separated recyclables are collected at curbside.

Processing equipment for segregation of solid waste

- ✓ Balers: to densify materials
- ✓ Condensifiers: crushes aluminium/steel cans
- ✓ Glass crushers: break glasses into pieces
- ✓ Magnetic separators: remove ferrous materials
- ✓ Wood grinders: break wood into small pieces
- ✓ Scales: weigh the quantity of material

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Public health and economic aspects of open storage

Health aspects in open storage:

- ✓ Waste gets scattered at bins while storage and segregating. During sorting it causes injuries as well as disease through infected wastes.
- ✓ Food wastes if stored more than five days leads to foul smell and generates flies and cause disease to the occupants.
- ✓ Some type of wastes do not get recycled since it may cost less or not currently recycled and recycling takes place in very poor health and environmentally unsafe conditions.
- ✓ While handling toxic and hazardous waste health issues occur, so proper care should be made.

Economic aspects in open storage

- ✓ Reducing the generation of waste before it occurs is a logical way it save cost i.e source reduction.
- ✓ Recycling thus reduces volume of waste generated which in turn cuts pollution and increase the economic value of the waste.
- ✓ Recycling programs will convert the waste scattered and scavenging into an economic enterprise.

RECYCLING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE

- ✓ Recycling construction and demolition waste is profitable and environmental way to produce aggregates and reuse valuable materials that would otherwise be disposed.
- ✓ Processing the waste near the worksites also reduces the need for truck transportation resulting in lower logistics costs.



Component of Construction Waste

❖ C&D materials often contain bulky, heavy materials such as:

- Concrete
- Wood (from buildings)
- Asphalt (from roads and roofing shingles)
- Gypsum (the main component of drywall)
- Metals
- Bricks
- Glass
- Plastics
- Salvaged building components (doors, windows, and plumbing fixtures)
- Trees, stumps, earth, and rock from clearing sites



Present Fate of C&D Waste



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WASTE TO VALUE

- ✓ Rapid urbanization and population growth have increased the demand for new housing, urban environments and infrastructure.
- ✓ While roads, buildings and bridges are renovated and renewed, massive amounts of construction and demolition waste is generated around the world.
- ✓ To cope with both rising stockpiles of waste and yet growing need for raw materials, governments have started to impose new environmental regulations encouraging to use recycled materials instead of natural resources.



- ✓ Crushed aggregate made of demolition waste, for bases of roads and sports fields, sound barriers and parking lots.
- ✓ Better load-bearing capabilities have been measured with thinner layer thickness when crushed concrete was used.
- ✓ One other good example is the use of crushed concrete as erosion control.

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BENEFITS OF USING RECYCLED CONCRETE

- ✓ Recycled concrete saves both the environment and money.
- ✓ Recycling we can consume less raw materials and preserve gravel resources.
- ✓ Cost savings come from the same aspects: less transportation means less fuel costs and eliminating the waste material means that there are no costs associated with dumping.

Reducing the amount of C&D materials disposed of in landfills or incinerators can:

- ✓ Create employment and economic activities in recycling industries and provide increased business opportunities within the local community, especially when deconstruction and selective demolition methods are used.
- ✓ Reduce overall building project expenses through avoided purchase/disposal costs, and the donation of recovered materials to qualified 501(c)(3) charities, which provides a tax benefit.
- ✓ On-site reuse also reduces transportation costs.
- ✓ Lead to fewer disposal facilities, potentially reducing the associated environmental issues.
- ✓ Offset the environmental impact associated with the extraction and consumption of virgin resources and production of new materials.
- ✓ Conserve land fill space.

Deconstruction for Reuse

- ✓ Deconstruction is the process of carefully dismantling buildings to salvage components for reuse and recycling. Deconstruction can be applied on a number of levels to salvage usable materials and significantly cut waste.

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Deconstruction has many benefits, including the following:

- Maximizes the recovery of materials.
- Conserves finite, old-growth forest resources.
- Provides many employment and job training opportunities.
- When coupled with traditional demolition methods, allows communities to create local economic activities around manufacturing or reprocessing salvaged materials.
- Diverts demolition debris from disposal.
- Preserves resources through reuse.

What Materials Can Be Reused?

- Easy-to-remove items like doors, hardware, appliances, and fixtures. These can be salvaged for donation or use during the rebuild or on other jobs.
- Wood cutoffs can be used for cripples, lintels, and blocking to eliminate the need to cut full length lumber. Scrap wood can be chipped on site and used as mulch or groundcover.
- Brick, concrete and masonry can be recycled on site as fill, subbase material or driveway bedding.
- Excess insulation from exterior walls can be used in interior walls as noise deadening material.
- Paint can be remixed and used in garage or storage areas, or as primer coat on other jobs.
- Packaging materials can be returned to suppliers for reuse.

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Rebuying C&D Materials

Buying used C&D materials and recycled content products for use in new construction can:

- Boost the local economy as recovered materials are typically locally sourced.
- Lower construction and renovation costs while maintaining building function and performance.
- Ensure materials collected from reuse and recycling programs will be used again in the manufacture of new products and/or new construction, thereby fully realizing the benefits of reuse and recycling efforts;
- Preserve local architectural character and historic significance (in cases of preserved or restored buildings).

Recycling of plastics

What is plastics?

- A wide range of synthetic or semi synthetic organic solid materials suitable for the manufacture of industrial products. Plastics are polymers of high molecular weight. They may contain other substances to improve performance or reduce costs.

TYPES OF PLASTICS

• Thermoplastics

- Plastics that do not undergo chemical change in their composition when heated. Can be molded again and again. Examples: Polyethylene Tetraphthalate Polypropylene (PP) Poly Vinyl Acetate (PVA) Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) Polystyrene (PS)

• Thermoset plastics

- Plastics that are permanently "set" once, they're initially formed and can't be melted. Examples: Bakelite Melamine Polyester Polyurethane Urea – Formaldehyde.

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Advantages of plastic

- ✓ resistant
- ✓ inexpensive
- ✓ easy to produce
- ✓ durable
- ✓ elastic

Disadvantages of Plastic

- ✓ Decomposition
- ✓ Non-Renewable
- ✓ Hard to Reuse
- ✓ Difficult to Recycle
- ✓ Toxic Threat to Animals

SOURCES OF PLASTIC WASTES

- **Discarded fishing gear:** Responsible for up to 90% of plastic debris
- **Landfills:** Leaks toxins and contaminates the nearby soil and water
- **Plastic thrown on land:** Enter into drainage lines and chokes them resulting into floods as experienced in Mumbai, India in 1998.
- **Agriculture:** Includes films - used for mulch, greenhouse covers, and to wrap bales, tubing and pipes. It also includes nursery containers, pesticide containers, silage bags.



The image block contains three photographs illustrating different sources of plastic waste. The top photo shows a beach covered in discarded fishing gear, including nets and floats. The middle photo shows a landfill site with a sign that reads 'LANDFILL' and various pieces of trash. The bottom photo shows a pile of agricultural plastic waste, including mulch, tubing, and other debris.

WHY RECYCLE?

- In landfill, both synthetic and naturally occurring polymers don't get the necessary exposure to UV and microbes to degrade.
- Landfills not destroy plastics, **it preserve the poison forever.**
- The toxic chemicals escape from the landfills and contaminates the water sources.
- When there are too many plastic in landfills, they are often destroyed in incineration factories.
- Consequently it:
 - ❖ Contributes to Greenhouse Effect
 - ❖ Causes Lung Cancer
 - ❖ Contaminates Soil



Plastic recycling

- ✓ Plastic recycling is the process of recovering scrap or waste plastic and reprocessing the material into useful products.
- ✓ Since the majority of plastic is non-biodegradable, recycling is a part of global efforts to reduce plastic in the waste stream, especially the approximately 8 million metric tonnes of waste plastic that enters the Earth's ocean every year.
- ✓ plastic polymers recycling is often more challenging because of low density and low value.
- ✓ There are also numerous technical hurdles to overcome when recycling plastic.
- ✓ Materials recovery facilities are responsible for sorting and processing plastics.
- ✓ When different [types of plastics](#) are melted together, they tend to [phase-separate](#), like oil and water, and set in these layers.

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- ✓ The two most widely manufactured plastics, [polypropylene](#) and [polyethylene](#).
- ✓ Each time plastic is recycled, additional virgin materials must be added to help improve the integrity of the material.
- ✓ So, even recycled plastic has new plastic material added in. The same piece of plastic can only be recycled about 2–3 times before its quality decreases to the point where it can no longer be used.

Recycling process

There are two major ways to recycle plastic:

(1) **mechanical recycling**

(2) **Chemical recycling**

Mechanical recycling

- ✓ For mechanical recycling the plastic recyclables are then shredded.
- ✓ These shredded fragments then undergo processes to eliminate impurities like paper labels.
- ✓ This material is melted and often extruded into the form of pellets which are then used to manufacture other products.
- ✓ The highest quality purification may be referred to as "regeneration".

Chemical recycling

- ✓ For some polymers, it is possible to convert them back into monomers, for example, PET can be treated with an alcohol and a catalyst to form a dialkyl terephthalate.
- ✓ The terephthalate diester can be used with ethylene glycol to form a new polyester polymer, thus making it possible to use the pure polymer again.

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- **METHODS INVOLVED:**

- ✓ **THERMAL DEPOLYMERIZATION:**

Depolymerization process using hydrous pyrolysis for the reduction of complex organic materials into light crude oil.

Under pressure and heat, long chain polymers of hydrogen, oxygen, and carbon decompose into short-chain petroleum hydrocarbons.

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and certain polyamides (nylon 6 (PA 6) and nylon 66) can be efficiently depolymerised.

- ✓ **HEAT COMPRESSION:**

It takes all unsorted, cleaned plastic in all forms, from soft plastic bags to hard industrial waste, and mixes the load in tumblers.

Benefit : all plastic is recyclable, not just matching forms.

Use of Waste Plastic in Flexible Pavements-Green Roads

- No wonder scientists have even derived a way of recycling the waste plastics in constructing the pavements for increasing their **strength** and **durability**.
- It is very effective step towards eco-friendliness compared to conventional and traditional techniques of flexible pavements construction.
- The waste plastic gets coated over the surface of aggregate by heating (140°C - 160°C) as plastics like PE, PS, PP used in PET Bottles, disposal glasses, handbags, etc soften up to 160°C.
- The LDPE can only be used in this technique as it gets softened at the desired temperature *i.e.*, 160°C and coated over the aggregates.
- **This is an effective technique of plastic waste recycling as no fuel consumption takes place.**
- Use of waste plastic in bitumen increase the binding property as compared to the conventional bitumen. It improves the properties of bitumen resulting in increase in Softening Point and decrease in Penetration value thus improving the durability. **(Punith,2010)**

MEALWORMS : A SOLUTION TO DEGRADE PLASTIC WASTE NATURALLY

- Researchers at Stanford University reveals a species of **MEALWORMS** capable of consuming and digesting polystyrene foam, often referred to as "styrofoam."
 - **These are small, brownish, squirmy ,larvae form of the darkling beetle.**
 - Mealworms are the first reported insect capable of degrading and mineralizing a common persistent petroleum-based plastic.
 - The scientists placed 100 mealworms on top of blocks of styrofoam, where they subsisted on nothing but the plastic, foam-like material for 30 days.
 - 100 mealworms eat 34 to 39 milligrams of polystyrene per day, which is equivalent to the weight of a small pill.
 - Mealworms' safe digestion of styrofoam suggests that their stomach contain special enzymes or bacteria that can break down polystyrene.(Yu Yang et.al ,2010)
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- They examined the mealworms' excrement, and discovered that the polystyrene had mineralized: What hadn't been converted to carbon dioxide or biomass turned into fecal matter.
 - The waste is **safe for reuse in soil** on crops.
 - Waxworms, the larvae of Indian mealmoths, have microorganisms in their guts that can biodegrade polyethylene that is used to make garbage bags.
 - The new research on mealworms is significant, as Styrofoam was thought to have been non-biodegradable and more problematic for the environment.

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Seven groups of plastic polymers

<u>Polyethyleneterephthalate</u> (PET, PETE) Clarity, strength, toughness, barrier to gas and moisture.	Soft drink, water and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter and jam jars; ice cream cone lids; small consumer electronics
<u>High-density polyethylene</u> (HDPE) Stiffness, strength, toughness, resistance to moisture, permeability to gas	<u>Water pipes</u> , <u>Gas & Fire Pipelines</u> , Electrical & Communications conduit, ^[63] <u>hula hoop</u> rings, <u>five gallon buckets</u> , milk, juice and water bottles; grocery bags, some shampoo/toiletry bottles
<u>Polyvinyl chloride</u> (PVC) Versatility, ease of blending, strength, toughness.	Blister packaging for non-food items; cling films for non-food use. May be used for food packaging with the addition of the plasticisers needed to make a relatively rigid PVC flexible. Non-packaging uses are electrical cable insulation; rigid piping; vinyl records.
<u>Low-density polyethylene</u> (LDPE) Ease of processing, strength, toughness, flexibility, ease of sealing, barrier to moisture.	Frozen food bags; squeezable bottles, e.g. honey, mustard; cling films; flexible container lids
polypropylene Strength, toughness, resistance to heat, chemicals, grease and oil, versatile, barrier to moisture	Reusable microwaveable ware; kitchenware; yogurt containers; margarine tubs; microwaveable <u>disposable take-away</u> containers; disposable cups; soft drink <u>bottle caps</u> ; plates.

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<u>Polystyrene</u> (PS) Versatility, clarity, easily formed	Egg cartons; packing peanuts; disposable cups, plates, trays and cutlery; disposable take-away containers
Other (often <u>polycarbonate</u> or <u>ABS</u>) dependent on polymers or combination of polymers	Beverage bottles, baby milk bottles. Non-packaging uses for polycarbonate, compact discs, "unbreakable" glazing, electronic apparatus housing, lenses (including sunglasses), prescription glasses, automotive headlamps, riot shields, instrument panels

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Unit III

Collection and Transfer of Wastes

Methods of Residential and commercial waste collection – Collection vehicles – Manpower – Collection routes – Analysis of waste collection systems; Transfer stations – location, operation and maintenance; options under Indian conditions – Field problems- solving.

Waste Collection:

- ✓ It is the process of collection of solid waste from point of production (residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, etc.) to the point of treatment or disposal.
- ✓ The quantity of MSW collected varies widely by region and income level; collection within cities will also differ greatly.
- ✓ Collection rate is found to range from a low of 41% in low income countries to a high of 98% in high income countries.

Methods of Residential Waste Collection:

- ✓ Doorstep collection
- ✓ Community bins system
- ✓ Bell ringing system
- ✓ Collection through motorized vehicles
- ✓ Collection from slums
- ✓ Collection of hotel/restaurant waste
- ✓ Collection of construction and demolition waste
- ✓ Collection of biomedical waste

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1. Doorstep collection

- Curbservice
- Alleyservice
- Setout;setbackservice
- Setoutservice
- Backyardservice
- Blockcollection

➤ **Curbservice:**

- Placing the containers to be emptied at the curb on collection day and returning the empty container to their storage location is done by the house owner.



➤ **Alleyservice**

- This is collection of waste from the alleyways besides houses, which will take the container to the collection vehicles, could be arranged between the owner of the house and the collection crew.

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- **Setout, setback service/Backyard service:**
- Containers are set out from the homeowner's property by the collection crew.
- Setback after being emptied by additional crews.
- Work in conjunction with the collection crew responsible for loading the collection vehicle.



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➤ Setout service

- ✓ Same as setout-setback service.
- ✓ Homeowner is responsible for returning the containers to their storage location.



➤ Block collection

- ✓ In this system, collection vehicles stopped at selected locations on specific days.
- ✓ The house owner brings his waste and deposits the same in the vehicle which then moves ahead and the process is continued till the vehicle is full.

2. Community bins system

- ✓ Adopted in areas where community bins are located in street corners and at specific frequencies, along the road side.
- ✓ The residents are expected to deposit at the community bins.
- ✓ Spacing of the containers should be fixed on the basis of per capita quantity and the population contributing the waste and the maximum distance limit between two bins should be 100 meters.

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3. Bell ringing system

- ✓ It is a modified form of the house-to-house collection system.
- ✓ The collection vehicle is provided with a bell and on reaching specified target point, it is rung.
- ✓ Residents from adjoining areas come to the vehicle and deposit the waste in the vehicle.
- ✓ As he moves slowly residents can still find him in the vicinity and deposit the waste in the handcart.
- ✓ He waits at specific points and deposits the waste transport vehicle.

4. Collection through motorized vehicles

- ✓ Local bodies as an alternative to doorstep collection through containerized handcarts, may use motor vehicles having sounding horn.
- ✓ Driver of the vehicle should intermittently blow the horn to announce his arrival; the individuals can deposit waste directly into vehicle without loss of time.

7. Collection of construction and demolition waste

- ✓ Local bodies should prescribe the rate per ton for collection, transportation and disposal of construction waste and notify the same to the people.
- ✓ Charges for removal of construction waste to be doubled for those who fail to deposit the amount in advance.

8. Collection of biomedical waste

- ✓ It is collected as per rules established by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.

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Collection of Waste:

- ✓ Collection of Waste Separated at the source
- ✓ Collection of unseparated Waste

Collection of Waste Separated at the source

- ✓ Sources separated recyclables are collected separately.
- ✓ Residents to separate different materials (newspaper, plastic, glass and metals).
- ✓ Stored in own container and collected separately.
- ❖ One container – commingled recyclables
- ❖ One container – Paper
- ❖ One container – Heavy recyclables (glass, aluminum and tins cans.)
- ✓ Specialized collection vehicle including closed body recycling trucks, recycling trailers, modified flatbed trucks, open bin recycling trucks.

Collection of unseparated Waste

- ✓ From low rise detached dwellings
 - ✓ From low and medium rise apartments
 - ✓ From high rise apartment
 - ✓ From commercial and industrial facilities
- From low rise detached dwellings
- ✓ Curb service
 - ✓ Alley service
 - ✓ Set out; setback service
 - ✓ Set out service

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➤ From low and medium rise apartments

- ✓ Curbside collection service is common.
- ✓ Maintenance staff is responsible for transporting the containers to the street by manual or mechanical means.
- ✓ If large containers are used, the containers are emptied by mechanical means.

➤ From high rise apartment

- ✓ Large containers are used to collect wastes from large apartment buildings.
- ✓ Depending on the size and type of container used, container may be emptied mechanically using collection vehicle.

➤ From commercial and industrial facilities

- ✓ Manual and Mechanical means used to collect the waste.
- ✓ To avoid traffic congestion during the day, solid waste collected in the late evening and early morning hours.
- ✓ Manual Collection – Waste collected in plastic bag, cardboard box or other disposable containers.
- ✓ Waste Collection – Four person crew - 1 driver + 2 or 3 more collector
- ✓ Space for storage container available – Container coupled with large stationary compactor.
- ✓ Depending on the size and type of container used – mechanized collection system.
- ✓ To minimize difficulties due to traffic congestion – mechanical collection during the evening hours.

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COLLECTION COMPONENTS

- ✓ Collection points
- ✓ Collection frequency
- ✓ Storage containers
- ✓ Collection crew
- ✓ Collection route
- ✓ Transfer station

Collection points

- ✓ The collection points depend on locality and may be residential, commercial or industrial.
- ✓ These affect such collection system components as crew size and storage, which ultimately control the cost of collection.

Collection frequency:

- ✓ Climatic conditions and requirements of a locality as well as containers and costs determine the collection frequency.
- ✓ The quality of solid waste containers on site also determines the collection frequency.
- ✓ Optimal collection frequency reduces the cost as it involves fewer trucks, employees and reduction in total route distance, storage space.
- ✓ Less frequent collection may require more storage space in the locality
- ✓ Frequent collection reduces concerns about health, safety and nuisance associated with stored refuse.

Storage containers:

- ✓ Proper container selection can save collection energy, increase the speed of collection and reduce crew size.

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- ✓ While evaluating residential waste containers it should have,
 - efficiency, i.e., the containers should help maximise the overall collection efficiency.
 - convenience, i.e., the containers must be easily manageable both for residents and collection crew.
 - compatibility, i.e., the containers must be compatible with collection equipment.
 - public health and safety, i.e., the containers should be securely covered and stored.
 - ownership, i.e., the municipal ownership must guarantee compatibility with collection equipment.

Collection crew

- ✓ The optimum crew size for a community depends on labour and equipment costs, collection methods and route characteristics.
- ✓ The size of the collection crew also depends on the size and type of collection vehicle used, space between the houses, waste generation rate and collection frequency.

Collection route:

- ✓ An efficient routing of collection vehicles helps decrease costs by reducing the labour expended for collection.
- ✓ Proper planning of collection route also helps conserve energy and minimise working hours and vehicle fuel consumption.
- ✓ The size of each route, however, depends on the amount of waste collected per stop, distance between stops, loading time and traffic conditions.
- ✓ Barriers, such as railroad, embankments, rivers and roads with heavy traffic, can be considered to divide route territories.

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Transfer station:

- ✓ If the disposal site is far from the collection area, it is justifiable to have a transfer station, where smaller collection vehicles transfer their loads to larger vehicles, which then haul the waste long distances.
- ✓ In some instances, the transfer station serves as a pre- processing point, where wastes are dewatered, scooped or compressed.

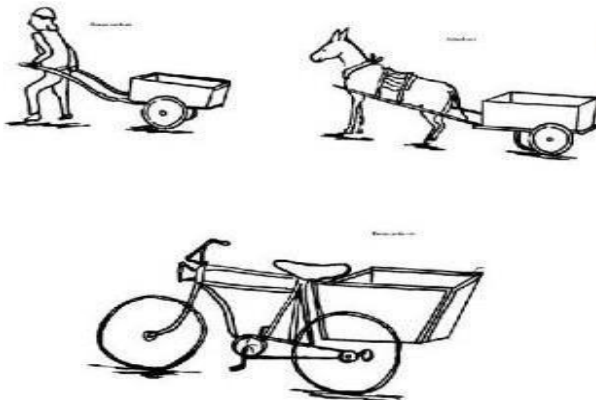
Collection vehicles

- ✓ The collection vehicle selected must be appropriate to the terrain, type and density of waste generation points, the way it travels and type and kind of material.
- ✓ The most commonly used collection vehicle is the dump truck fitted with a hydraulic lifting mechanism.

- **Small-scale collection and muscle-powered vehicles**
- **Non-compact trucks**
- **Compact truck**

Small-scale collection and muscle-powered vehicles

- ✓ These are common vehicles used for waste collection in many countries and are generally used in rural hilly areas.



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- ✓ They are suitable for densely populated areas with narrow lanes, and squatter settlements, where there is relatively low volume of waste generated.
- ✓ Some drawbacks of these collection vehicles include limited travel range of the vehicles and weather exposure that affect humans and animals.
- ✓ These can be small rickshaws, carts or wagons pulled by people or animals, and are less expensive, easier to build and maintain compared to other vehicles

Non-compact trucks

- ✓ Non-compact trucks are efficient and cost effective in small cities and in areas where waste tends to be very dense and have little potential for compaction.
 - ✓ When these trucks are used for waste collection, they need a dumping system to easily discharge the waste.
 - ✓ It is generally required to cover the trucks in order to prevent residue flying off or rain soaking the wastes.

Non-compact Trucks



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- ✓ Trucks with capacities of 10 - 12 m³ are effective, if the distance between the disposal site and the collection area is less than 15 km.
- ✓ If the distance is longer, a potential transfer station closer than 10 km from the collection area is required.
- ✓ Non-compact trucks are generally used, when labour cost is high.

Compactor truck:

- ✓ Compaction vehicles are more common these days, generally having capacities of 12 - 15 m³ due to limitations imposed by narrow roads.
- ✓ Although the capacity of a compaction vehicle, is similar to that of a dump truck, the weight of solid wastes collected per trip is 2 to 2.5 times larger since the wastes are hydraulically compacted.

Compactor Truck



- ✓ Compactor truck allows waste containers to be emptied into the vehicle from the rear, front or sides and inhibits vectors (of disease) from reaching the waste during collection and transport.
- ✓ It works poorly when waste stream is very dense, wet, collected materials are gritty or abrasive, or when the roads are dusty.

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The advantages of the compactor collection vehicle include the following:

- Containers are uniform, large, covered and relatively visually inoffensive;
- Waste is set out in containers so that the crew can pick them up quickly;
- Health risk to the collectors and odour on the streets are minimized, waste is relatively inaccessible to the waste pickers.

TYPES OF COLLECTION SYSTEM

- **1. Mode of operation**
- Hauled container system
- Hoist truck system
- Tilt frame system
- Trash trailer system



Hoist Truck



Tilt Frame



Trash Trailer

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- ❑ Stationary container system
 - ✓ Mechanically loaded systems
 - ✓ Manually loaded systems

Mechanically loaded collection vehicles



1. Equipment use

containers, machineries, hand tools etc.,

2. Type of waste collected

- ✓ Phase one-generated waste to dust bin
- ✓ Phase two-from temporary storage to collection truck
- ✓ Phase three-truck moves from house to house or collection center to collection center.
- ✓ Phase four-collected waste to disposal site or transfer station
- ✓ Phase five- waste stored for resource recovery or other management.

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Analysis of collection system

To establish labour and vehicle requirement for the various collection systems and methods, the unit time required to perform each task must be determined.

✓ Pickup

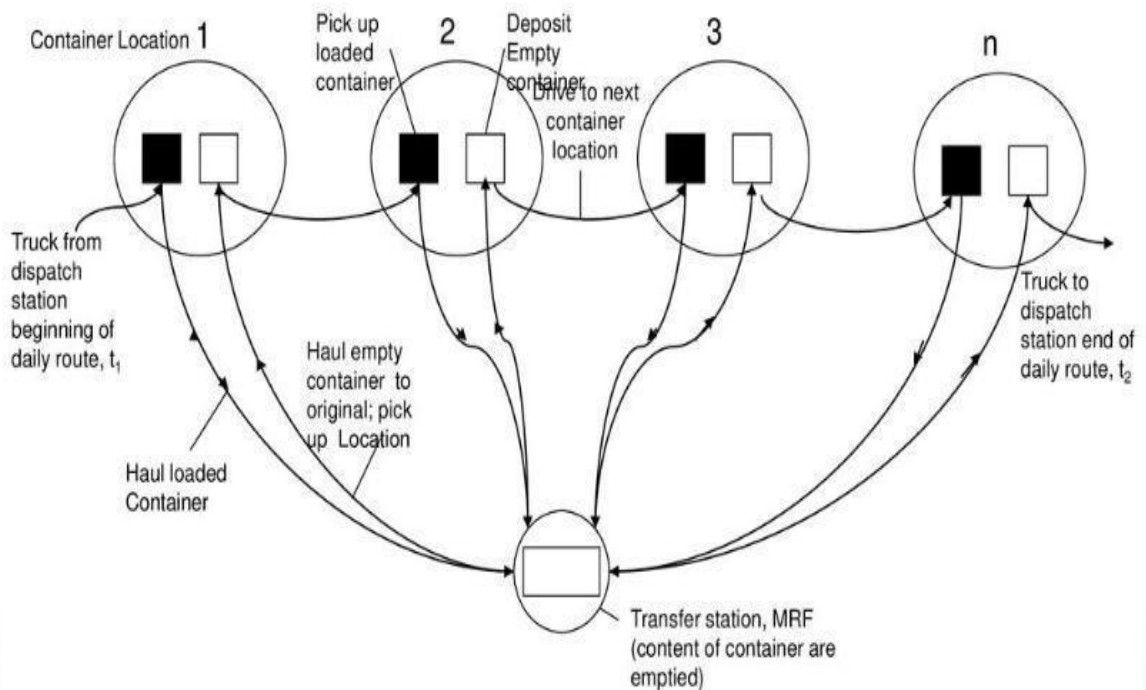
- ☐ Hauled container system (conventional mode)
- ☐ Hauled container system (exchange container mode)
- ☐ Hauled container system (stationary container mode)

✓ Haul

✓ At-site

✓ Off-route/site

☐ Hauled container system (conventional mode)

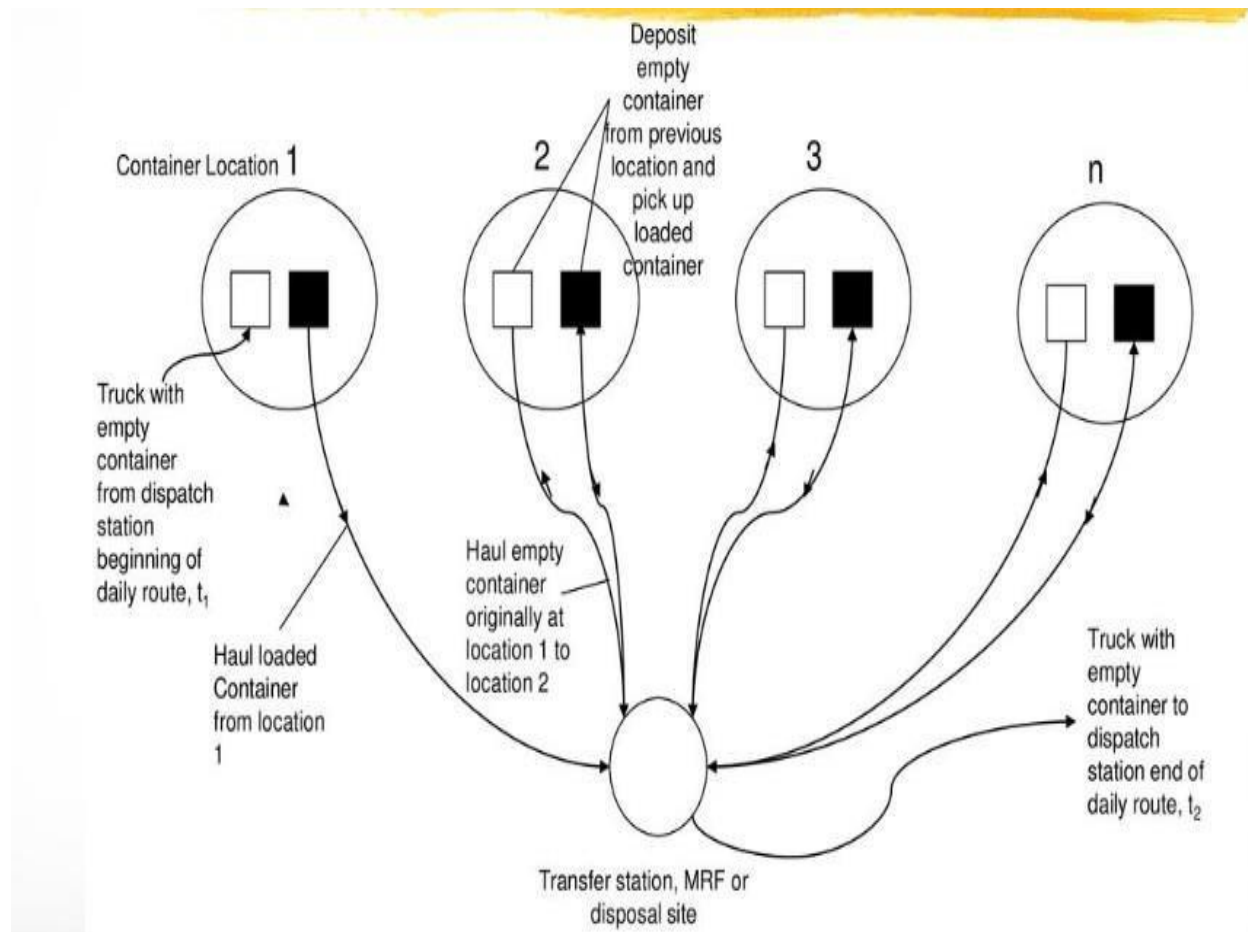


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Pickup as related to hauled container system operated in the conventional mode refers to,

- ✓ Time spent driving to the next container after an empty container has been deposited.
- ✓ Time spent picking up the loaded container.
- ✓ Time required to deposit the container.
- ✓

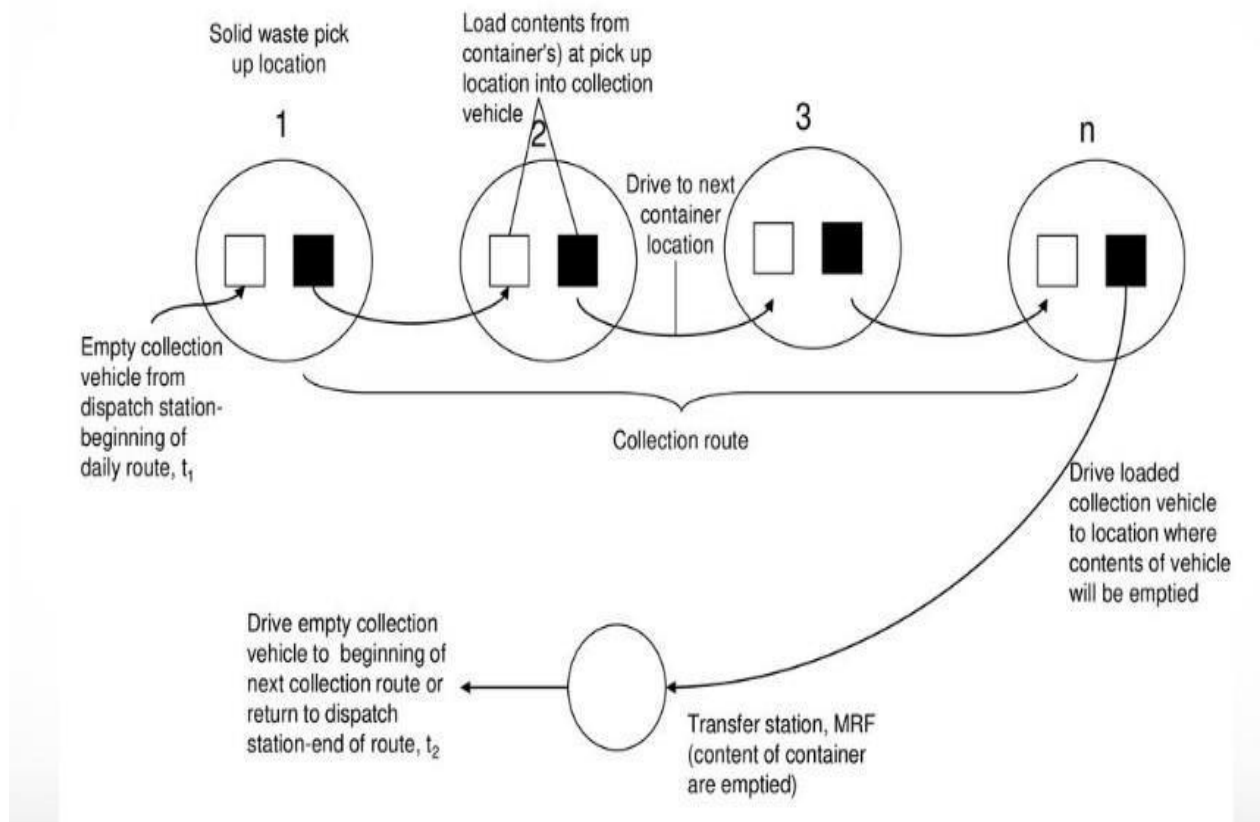
❑ Hauled container system (exchange container mode)



Pick-up as related to the exchange container mode refers to,

- ✓ Time required to pick up a loaded container and to deposit a container at the next location after its content has been emptied.

❑ Hauled container system (stationary container mode)



Pick-up for stationary container system refers to,

The time spent loading the collection vehicle beginning with the stopping of the vehicle prior to loading to the content of the first container and ending when the content of the last container to be emptied have been loaded.

✓ Haul

❑ For hauled container system

hauling solid waste represents the time required to reach the disposal site plus time required to deposit the empty container.

❑ For stationary container system

the time required to reach the disposal site starting after the last container on the route has been emptied.

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✓ **Atsite**

Time Spent at disposal and time spent at Loading and unloading.

✓ **Off-Route**

Time spent on activities from point of overall collection of the system.

Mathematical

analysis Haul

containers system

✓ Time required per trip

$$T_{hcs} = P_{hcs} + s + h$$

P_{hcs} = pickup time per trip for hauled containers system. s = at

site time / trip

h = haul time / trip

✓ Haul time,

$$h = a + bx$$

a, b = empirical constant

x = round trip head distance

✓ Pickup time for haul containers system

$$P_{hcs} = p_c + u_c + d_{bc}$$

p_c = time required to pick up loaded container

u_c = time required to unload empty container

d_{bc} = time required to drive between container location.

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- ✓ Number of trips made vehicle per day,

$$N_d = [H(I-w) - (t_1 + t_2)] / T_{hcs}$$

H = length of workday/h/day

W = off-route factor, expressed as a fraction

t_1 = time required to drive from dispatch station to the first container location.

t_2 = time required to drive from last container location to dispatch station.

T_{hcs} = time per trip for hauled container system.

TRANSFER STATION

Transfer station is a centralized facility where waste is unloaded from smaller collection vehicles and reloaded into large vehicles for transport to a disposal or processing site.



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Depending on the size, transfer stations can be either of the following two types:

- ✓ Small to medium transfer stations
- ✓ Large transfer stations

Small to medium transfer stations

- ✓ Small to medium transfer stations are direct-discharge stations that provide no intermediate waste storage area.
- ✓ The capacities are generally small (less than 100 tonnes /day) and medium (100 to 500 tonnes / day).
- ✓ Depending on weather, site aesthetics, and environmental concerns, transfer operations of this size may be located either indoors or outdoors.

Large transfer stations

- ✓ Larger transfer stations are designed for heavy commercial use by private and municipal collection vehicles having capacity more than 500 tonnes/day.
- ✓ When collection vehicles arrive at the site, they are checked in for billing, weighed, and directed to the appropriate dumping area.
- ✓ Collection vehicles travel to the dumping area and empty wastes into a waiting trailer, a pit, or onto a platform.

Design for Large Transfer Operations:

- ✓ Direct-discharge non compaction station
- ✓ Platform/pit non compaction station
- ✓ Compaction station

Direct discharge non-compaction station:

- ✓ Direct-discharge non compaction stations are generally designed with two main operating floors.

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- ✓ In the transfer operation, wastes are dumped directly from collection vehicles (on the top floor), through a hopper, and into open top trailers on the lower floor. After loading, a cover is placed over the trailer top.

Examples of Direct-Discharge Stations



Platform/pit noncompaction station

- ✓ In platform or pit stations, collection vehicles dump their wastes onto a floor or area where wastes can be temporarily stored, and, if desired, picked through for recyclables or unacceptable materials.
- ✓ The waste is then pushed into open-top trailers, usually by front-end loaders.
- ✓ Like direct discharge stations, platform stations have two levels. If a pit is used, the station has three levels.

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Platform/Pit
Designs



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Compaction station

- ✓ Compaction transfer stations use mechanical equipment to densify wastes before they are transferred.
- ✓ The most common type of compaction station uses a hydraulically powered compactor to compress wastes.

Benefits of transfer stations:

- ✓ Offers more flexibility in waste handling and disposal options (choice of landfill or waste to energy).
- ✓ Reduces air pollution, fuel consumption and road wear.
- ✓ Allows for screening of waste between recyclable waste or inappropriate wastes (tires, automobile batteries) that are not allowed in landfill or waste to energy facility.
- ✓ Reduces traffic at disposal site.
- ✓ Offers citizens facilities for convenient drop-off of waste and recyclables.

COLLECTION ROUTES:

- ✓ Detailed route configuration and collection schedules should be developed for the selected collection design.
- ✓ Effective routing can decrease costs by reducing the labor expended for collection.

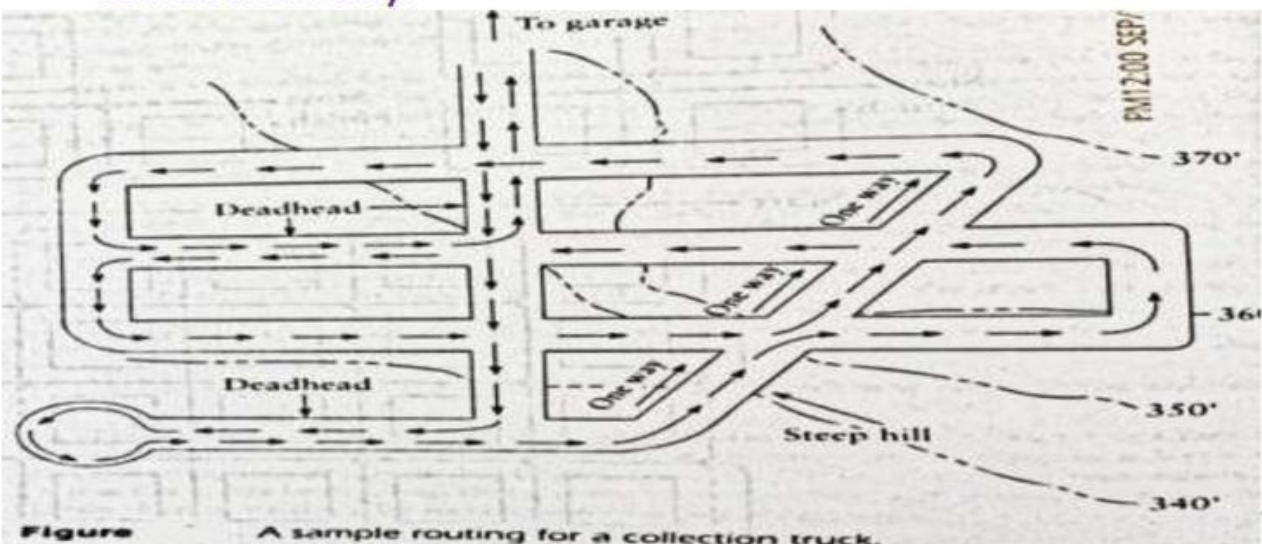
1. Macro routing method
2. Micro routing method
3. Districting method

Macro Routing

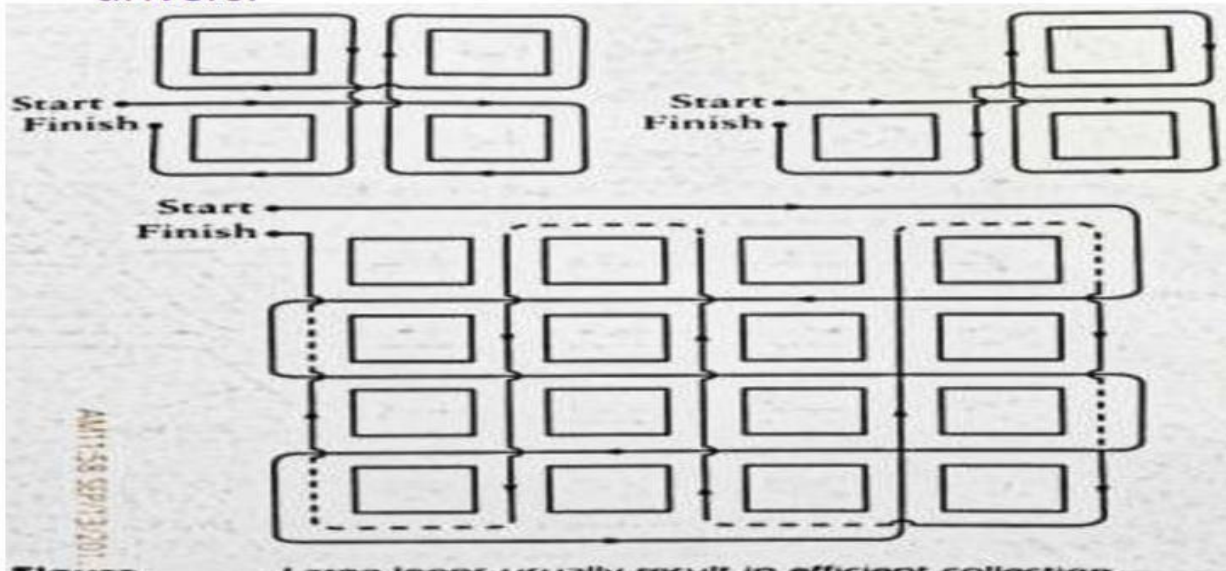
- It consists of dividing the **total collection area into routes**, in such a way as to represent a day's collection for each crew.
- The **size of each route depends on** the amount of wastes collected per stop, distance between stops, loading time and traffic conditions.
- Natural barriers such as **rail road embankments, rivers and roads with heavy competing traffic**, can be used to divide route territories.
- As much as possible, the size and shape of route areas should be balanced.

Micro Routing:

- Using the results of the macro-routing analysis, micro-routing can define the specific path that each crew and collection vehicle will take on each collection day.



- Results of micro-routing analysis should also be done by the review of experienced collection drivers.



Deciding Factors for Collection Vehicle Routing:

- The trial & error route development process is a relatively simple manual approach that applies specific routing patterns to block configurations.
- The map should show collection service locations, disposal (or) transfer sites, one-way streets, natural barriers and the area of heavy traffic flows.

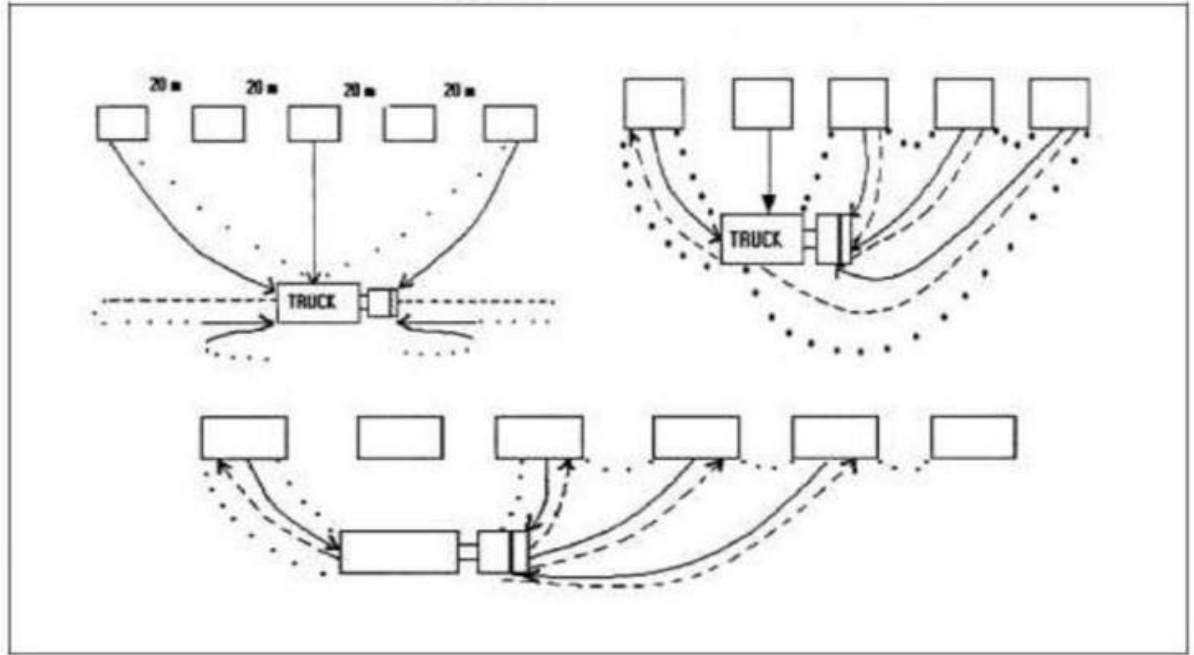
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- Then, routes should be traced out onto the tracing paper using the following factors:
 - (a) Routes should not be fragmented (or) overlapping.
 - (b) Total collection (+) Hauling time reasonably constant for each route in the community.
 - (c) The collection route should be started as close to the garage (or) motor pool as possible.
 - (d) Heavily travelled streets should not be visited during rush hours.
 - (e) In case of one-way streets, it is best to start the route near the upper end of the street.
 - (f) In case of dead-end streets, wastes must be collected by walking down, reversing the vehicle (or) taking a U-turn.
 - (g) Higher elevations should be at the start of the route.
 - (h) For collection from one side of the street at a time, it is generally best to route with many anti-clockwise turns around the blocks.

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- Based on the above rules, a typical vehicle routing is illustrated below:

Figure Collection Vehicle Route



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Unit IV

Processing of

Wastes

Objectives of waste processing – Physical Processing techniques and Equipment; Resource recovery from solid waste composting and biomethanation; Thermal processing options – case studies under Indian conditions.

Objectives of Waste processing

Processing techniques are used in solid waste management systems,

- (1) To improve the efficiency of solid-waste disposal systems.
- (2) To recover resources and
- (3) To prepare materials for the recovery of conversion products and energy.

Physical Processing techniques and Equipment

Types of Volume Reduction for SWM

- ✓ Mechanical Volume reduction
 - ☐ Compaction
 - ☐ Size reduction and shredding
- ✓ Thermal Volume reduction
- ✓ Chemical Volume reduction

Mechanical Volume

reduction Compaction

- ✓ The main purpose is to reduce the volume (amount) and size of waste, as compared to its original form, and produce waste of uniform size.
- ✓ Compaction is done by stationary as well as movable equipments.

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Compactors are based on compaction pressure applied to the waste mechanically, for example

- ✓ **Low-pressure (less than 7kg/cm^2) compaction:** In low-pressure compaction, wastes are compacted in large containers.
- ✓ **High-pressure (more than 7kg/cm^2) compaction:** pulverised wastes are extruded after compaction in the form of logs/blocks/bale.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reduction in the quantity of materials to be handled at the disposal site;• improved efficiency of collection and disposal of wastes;• increased life of landfills;• Economically viable waste management system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• poor quality of recyclable materials sorted out of compaction vehicle;• difficulty in segregation or sorting (since the various recyclable materials are mixed and compressed in lumps);• Bio-degradable materials (e.g., leftover food, fruits and vegetables) destroy the value of paper and plastic material.

Size reduction and shredding

This is required to convert large sized wastes into smaller pieces.

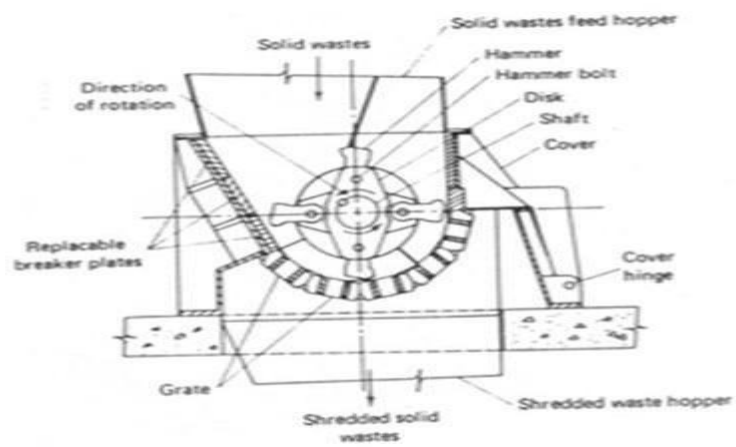
Equipments Used:

- ✓ Hydropulper
- ✓ Hammer Mill
- ✓ Chipper/Grinder/Shredder/jaw crusher

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Hydropulper



HammerMill



Shredder

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Thermal Volume Reduction

Thermal processing of solid waste can be defined as the conversion of wastes into gaseous, liquid and solid production.

Process	Conversion product	Pre-processing
Combustion (Incineration)	Energy in the form of steam or electricity	None in mass-fired incinerator
Gasification	Low-energy gas	Separation of the organic fraction, particle size reduction, preparation of fuel cubes or other RDF
Pyrolysis	Medium-energy gas, liquid fuel, solid fuel	Separation of the organic fraction, particle size reduction, preparation of fuel cubes or other RDF

- ✓ **Combustion** is an exothermic process, which means, it releases spontaneously, significant energy to the process become autonomous and, also, to export energy in heat, or, most important, in electric energy
- ✓ **Gasification and pyrolysis** processes are endothermic, which means, it's necessary to supply thermal energy to perform the pyrolysis reactions.

Chemical Volume Reduction

- ✓ Chemical volume reduction is a method, where in volume reduction occurs through chemical changes brought within the waste either through an addition of chemicals or changes in temperature.
- ✓ chemical methods used to reduce volume of waste chemically include pyrolysis, hydrolysis and chemical conversions.

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Component Separation

Component separation is a necessary operation in which the waste components are identified and sorted either manually or mechanically to aid further processing.

Objectives

- ✓ recovery of valuable materials for recycling;
- ✓ preparation of solid wastes by removing certain components prior to incineration, energy recovery, composting and biogas production.

Types of component separation

- ✓ Air Separation
- ✓ Magnetic Separation
- ✓ Screening
- ✓ Flootation

Air Separation

- ✓ Air separation is primarily used to separate lighter materials (usually organic) from heavier (usually inorganic) ones.
- ✓ The lighter material may include plastics, paper and paper products and other organic materials.
- ✓ In this technique, the heavy fraction is removed from the air classifier to the recycling stage or to land disposal, as appropriate.
- ✓ The light fraction may be used, with or without further size reduction, as fuel for incinerators or as compost material.

Commonly used air classifiers,

- (i) Conventional chute type

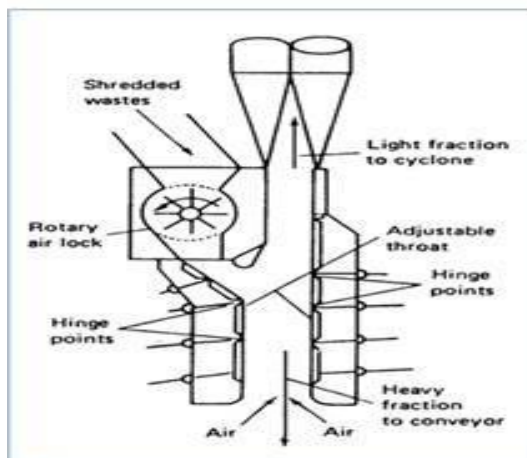
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- ✓ In this type, when the processed solid wastes are dropped into the vertical chute, the lighter material is carried by the airflow to the top while the heavier materials fall to the bottom of the chute.
- ✓ The control of the percentage split between the light and heavy fraction is accomplished by varying the waste loading rate, airflow rate and the cross section of chute.
- ✓ A rotary air lock feed mechanism is required to introduce the shredded wastes into the classifier.

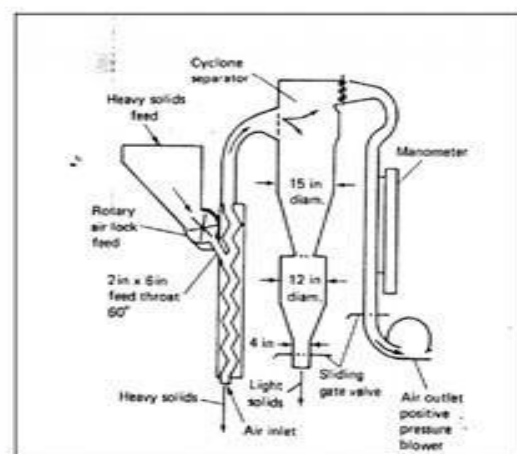
ii) Zigzag air classifier:

- ✓ Zigzag air classifier consists of a continuous vertical column with internal zigzag deflectors through which air is drawn at a high rate.
- ✓ Shredded wastes are introduced at the top of the column at a controlled rate, and air is introduced at the bottom of the column.
- ✓ As the wastes drop into the air stream, the lighter fraction is fluidised and moves upward and out of column, while the heavy fraction falls to the bottom.
- ✓ Best separation can be achieved through proper design of the separation chamber, airflow rate and influent feed rate.

Conventional Chute Type



Zigzag Air Classifier



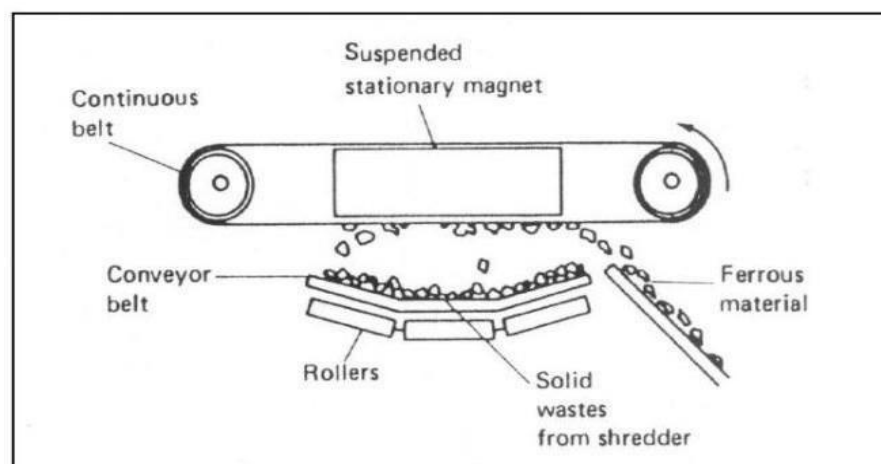
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Magnetic Separation

- ✓ The most common method of recovering ferrous scrap from shredded solid wastes involves the use of magnetic recovery systems.
- ✓ Ferrous materials are usually recovered either after shredding or before air classification.
- ✓ When wastes are mass-fired in incinerators, the magnetic separator is used to remove the ferrous material from the incinerator residue.
- ✓ Magnetic recovery systems have also been used at landfill disposal sites.
- ✓ The most common types are the following:

Suspended magnet

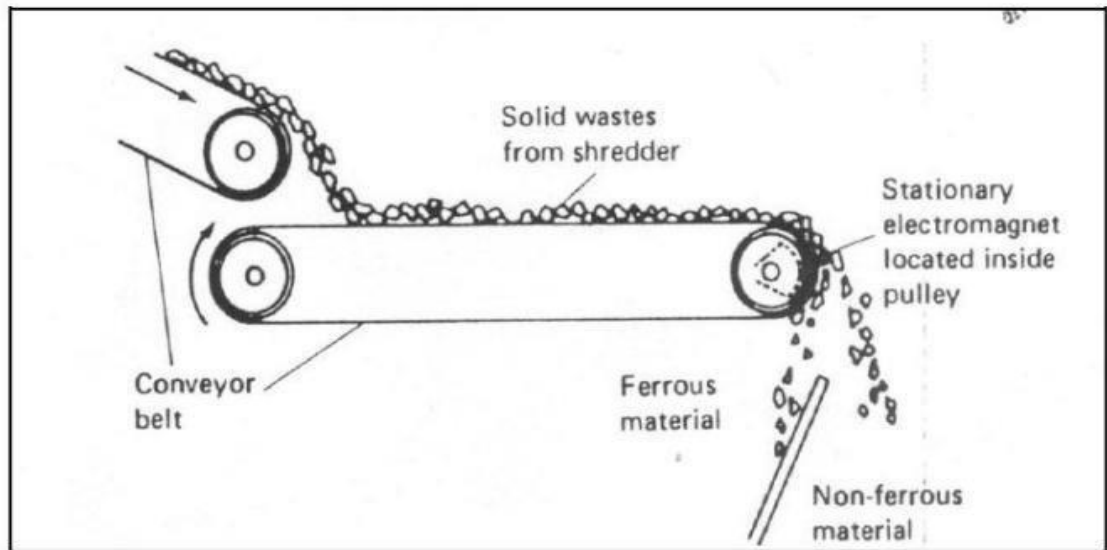
- ✓ In this type of separator, a permanent magnet is used to attract the ferrous metal from the waste stream.
- ✓ When the attracted metal reaches the area, where there is no magnetism, it falls away freely. This ferrous metal is then collected in a container.
- ✓ This type of separation device is suitable for processing raw refuse, where separators can remove large pieces of ferrous metal easily from the waste stream.



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(ii) Magnetic pulley:

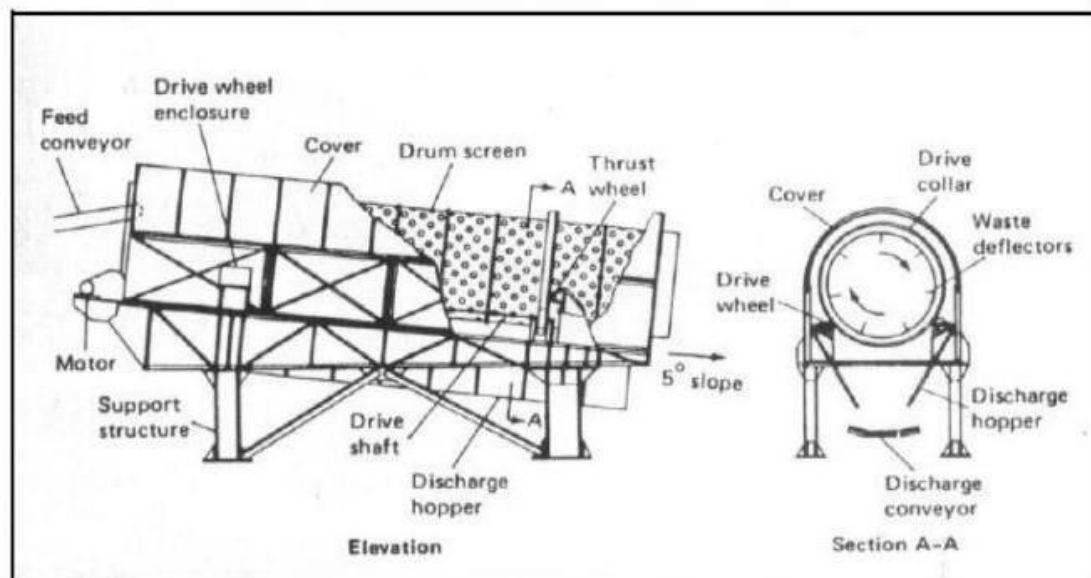
- ✓ This consists of a drum type device containing permanent magnets or electromagnets over which a conveyor or a similar transfer mechanism carries the waste stream.
- ✓ The conveyor belt conforms to the rounded shape of the magnetic drum and the magnetic force pulls the ferrous material away from the falling stream of solid waste.



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Screening of waste

- ✓ Screens can be used before or after shredding and after air separation of wastes in various applications dealing with both light and heavy fraction materials.
- ✓ The size of the sieve is decided based on the waste size required for treatment.
- ✓ The most commonly used screens are rotary drum screens and vibrating screens.



Separation Techniques

1. Hand-sorting or previewing
 - ✓ Previewing of the waste stream and manual removal of large sized materials is necessary, prior to most types of separation or size reduction techniques.
 - ✓ This is done to prevent damage or stoppage of equipment such as shredders or screens, due to items such as rugs, pillows, mattresses, large metallic or plastic objects, wood or other construction materials, paint cans, etc.

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2. Inertial separation

- ✓ Inertial methods rely on ballistic or gravity separation principles to separate *shredded solid wastes* into light (i.e., organic) and heavy (i.e., inorganic) particles.

3. Separation by Flotation:

- ✓ In the flotation process, glass-rich feedstock, which is produced by screening the heavy fraction of the air-classified wastes after ferrous metal separation, is immersed in water in a soluble tank.
- ✓ Heavy material settles and lighter material is removed from floatables.

4. Optical sorting

Optical sorting is used mostly to separate glass from the waste stream, and this can be accomplished by identification of the transparent properties of glass to sort it from opaque materials (e.g., stones, ceramics, bottle caps, corks, etc.) in the waste stream.

5. Drying and Dewatering

- ✓ Drying and dewatering operations are used primarily for incineration systems, with or without energy recovery systems.
- ✓ These are also used for drying of sludges in wastewater treatment plants, prior to their incineration or transport to land disposal.
- ✓ The purpose of drying and dewatering operation is to remove moisture from wastes and thereby make it a better fuel.

Basic techniques of energy recovery

Thermo-chemical conversion

- ✓ Thermal decomposition of organic matter to produce heat energy or fuel or gas.
- ✓ Techniques include incineration and pyrolysis and gasification.

Bio-chemical conversion

- ✓ Decomposition of organic matter by microbial action to produce compost or methane gas or alcohol.
- ✓ Techniques include anaerobic digestion, also referred to as biogas production.

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Parameters affecting energy recovery:

Physical parameters

- ✓ Size of constituents
- ✓ Density
- ✓ Moisture content

Chemical parameters

- ✓ Volatile solids
- ✓ Fixed carbon content
- ✓ Inerts
- ✓ calorific value
- ✓ C/N ratio
- ✓ toxicity

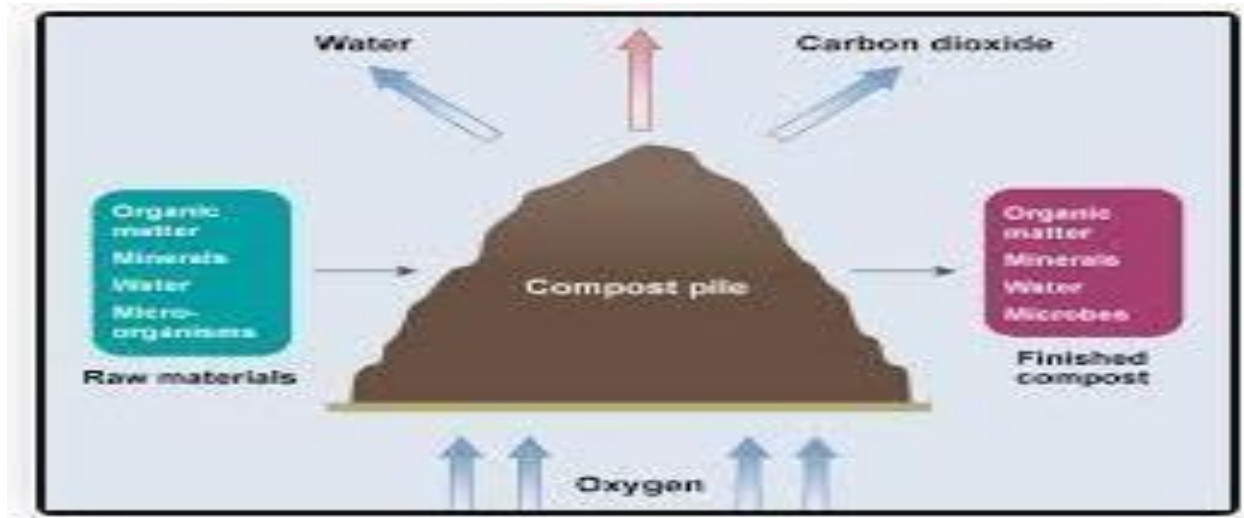
Waste treatment method	Basic principle	Important waste parameters	Desirable range
Thermochemical conversion - Incineration - Pyrolysis - Gasification	Decomposition of organic matter by action of heat	Moisture content Volatile matter Fixed carbon Total inerts Calorific value (Net CV)	< 45 % > 40% < 15 % < 35 % > 1200 Kcal/Kg
Biochemical Conversion - Anaerobic digestion - Biomethanation	Decomposition of organic matter by microbial action	Moisture content Volatile matter C/N ratio	> 50% > 40% 25-30

Source : [COWI, 2004]

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COMPOSTING

Composting is an aerobic method (meaning that it requires the presence of air) of decomposing organic solid wastes. It can therefore be used to recycle organic material. The process involves decomposition of organic material into a humus-like material, known as compost, which is a good fertilizer for plants.



COMPOSTING STAGES

- ✓ Preparation
- ✓ Digestion
- ✓ Curing
- ✓ Screening Or Finishing
- ✓ Storage Or Disposal

✓ COMPOSTING TECHNOLOGY

1. Windrow Composting

- There is usually some level of feedstock preparation (i.e. size reduction, mixing etc.).
- Large piles or windrows of composting materials can be composted outdoors on a paved or unpaved surface.
- Aeration and mixing is provided specialized windrow turner.
- This is a common method for composting, particularly for leaf and yard wastes



2. Aerated static pile composting

- There is usually some level of feedstock preparation (i.e. size reduction, mixing etc.)
- This is a pile or windrow of composting material that receives minimal turning (i.e. 1-4 turnings) and aeration.
- It takes longer to produce a finished compost product than with other technologies.

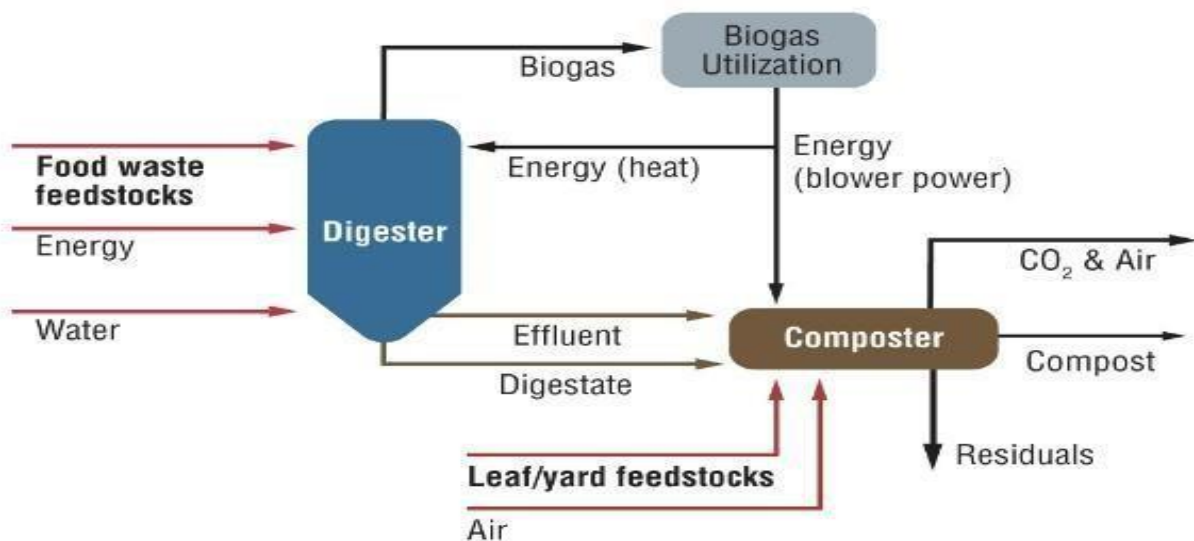


3. In-vessel composting system

- composting takes place in a purpose built container or tunnel.
- one or a number of containers.
- Aeration is provided via a mechanical aeration system.
- All in-vessel systems will include some level of feedstock preparation (i.e. size reduction, mixing



Anaerobic composting



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Composting process

Biological process

- ✓ Mesophilic or moderate temperature phase
- ✓ Thermophilic or high temperature phase
- ✓ Cooling phase
- ✓ Maturing or curing phase

Chemical processes

- ✓ Carbon/energy source
- ✓ Moisture
- ✓ Nutrients
- ✓ Oxygen
- ✓ pH

Physical processes

- ✓ Particle size
- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Mixing

Composting plants for Indian municipal solid waste

- ✓ Assessment and development of market
- ✓ Selection of site
- ✓ Pilot studies
- ✓ Flowsheet
- ✓ Environmental control

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Biomethanation

- ✓ Pre-treatment
- ✓ Wastedigestion
- ✓ Gas recovery
- ✓ Residuetreatment

Important operating parameters for biomethanation

- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ pH
- ✓ Moisture
- ✓ Toxicity
- ✓ C/Nratio
- ✓ Organicloadingrate
- ✓ Retentiontime

Thermal processing options

- ✓ Incineration
- ✓ Gasification
- ✓ Pyrolysis

Incineration

- ✓ Incineration is a waste treatment process that involves the combustion of organic substances contained in waste materials.
- ✓ Incineration of waste materials converts the waste into ash, flue gas and heat.
- ✓ The ash is mostly formed by the inorganic constituents of the waste and may take the form of solid lumps or particulates carried by the flue gas.

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- ✓ The flue gases must be cleaned of gaseous and particulate pollutants before they are dispersed into the atmosphere.
- ✓ The flue gases may contain [particulate matter](#), [heavy metals](#), [dioxins](#), [furans](#), [sulfur dioxide](#), and [hydrochloric acid](#).
- ✓ **Particulates** – also known as **atmospheric aerosol particles**, **atmospheric particulate matter**, **particulate matter (PM)**, or **suspended particulate matter (SPM)** –
are [microscopic particles of solid or liquid matter suspended in the air](#).
- ✓ **Heavy metals** are generally defined as [metals](#) with relatively high [densities](#), [atomic weights](#), or [atomic numbers](#).
- ✓ **Polychlorinated dibenzodioxins (PCDDs)**, or simply **dioxins**, are a group of [polyhalogenated organic compounds](#) that are significant environmental [pollutants](#).
- ✓ Dioxins occur as by-products in the manufacture of some [organochlorides](#), in the incineration of chlorine-containing substances such as [polyvinyl chloride \(PVC\)](#), in the [chlorine bleaching](#) of paper, and from natural sources such as volcanoes and forest fires.¹
- ✓ **Furan** is a [heterocyclic organic compound](#), consisting of a five-membered [aromatic ring](#) with four carbon atoms and one oxygen. Chemical compounds containing such rings are also referred to as furans.
- ✓ Furan is found in heat-treated commercial foods and is produced through [thermal degradation](#) of natural food constituents. It can be found in roasted [coffee](#), instant coffee, and processed [baby foods](#).
- ✓ **Sulfur dioxide** or **sulphur dioxide** is the [chemical compound](#) with the formula [SO₂](#). It is a toxic [gas](#) responsible for the smell of burnt [matches](#).
- ❑ Incineration with energy recovery is one of several waste-to-energy technologies such as gasification, pyrolysis and anaerobic digestion.

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- ☐ While incineration and gasification technologies are similar in principle, the energy produced from incineration is high-temperature heat whereas combustible gas is often the main energy product from gasification.

Incineration objectives

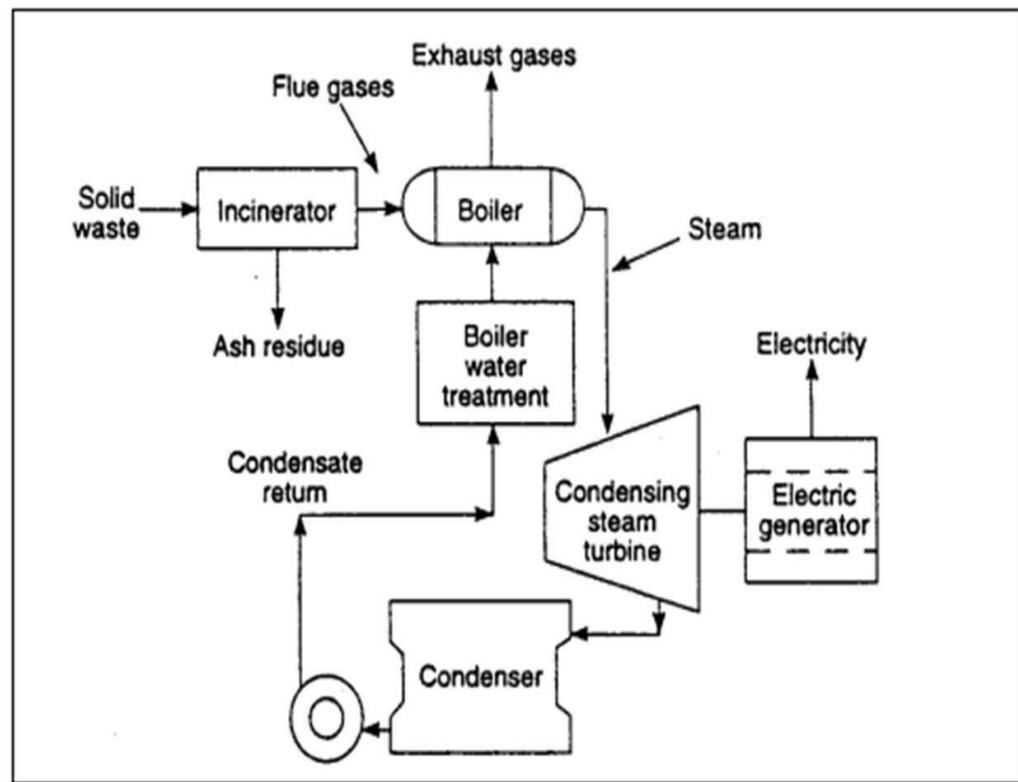
- ✓ Volume reduction
- ✓ Stabilization of waste
- ✓ Recovery of energy from waste
- ✓ Sterilization of waste

Planning an incineration facility

- ☐ Facility ownership and operation
- ☐ Energy market
- ☐ Marketing team
- ☐ Marketing electricity
- ☐ Facility siting
- ☐ Facility sizing
- ☐ Facility financing

Energy recovery from incineration

- ☐ Generation of electricity
- ☐ Steam generation
- ☐ Co-generation



Air emission from incineration

Gaseous pollutants

- ✓ Carbon dioxide
- ✓ Carbon monoxide
- ✓ Sulphur oxides
- ✓ Nitrogen oxides
- ✓ Particulates
- ✓ Hydrochloric acid
- ✓ Hydrogen fluoride
- ✓ Heavy metals
- ✓ Dioxins and furans

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Gas cleaning equipment:

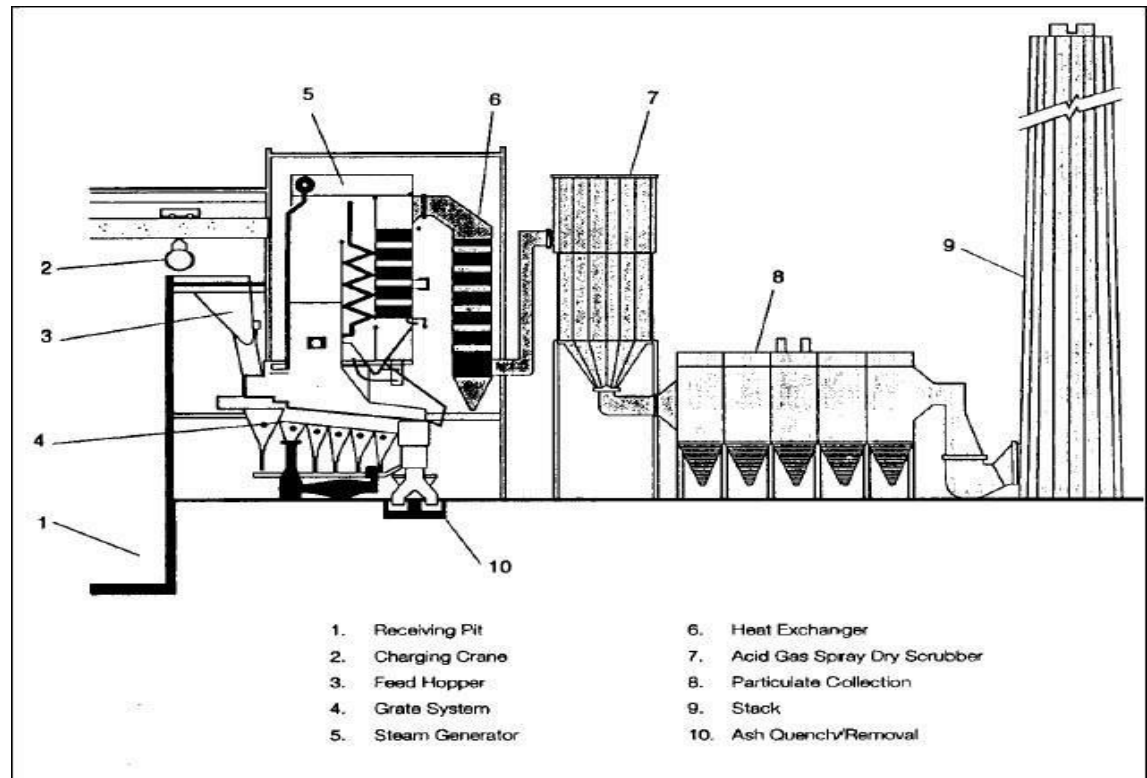
- ☐ Electrostatic precipitators
 - ☐ Fabric filters
 - ☐ Scrubber
- ☐ An **electrostatic precipitator (ESP)** is a filtration device that removes fine particles, like dust and smoke, from a flowing gas using the force of an induced [electrostatic charge](#) minimally impeding the flow of gases through the unit.
- ☐ Dust collectors that use liquid are known as [wet scrubbers](#). In these systems, the scrubbing liquid (usually water) comes into contact with a gas stream containing dust particles. Greater contact of the gas and liquid streams yields higher dust removal efficiency.
- ☐ Fabric filters commonly known as [baghouses](#), is an [air pollution control](#) device and [dust collector](#) that removes [particulates](#) or gas released from commercial processes out of the air. It can achieve a collection efficiency of more than 99% for very fine particulates.
- ☐ Dust-laden gases enter the baghouse and pass through fabric bags that act as filters. The bags can be of woven or felted cotton, synthetic, or glass-fiber material in either a tube or envelope shape.

Incineration technologies:

- ☐ Mass burning system
- ☐ Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) system
- ☐ Modular incineration
- ☐ Fluidised bed incineration

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❑ Mass burning system

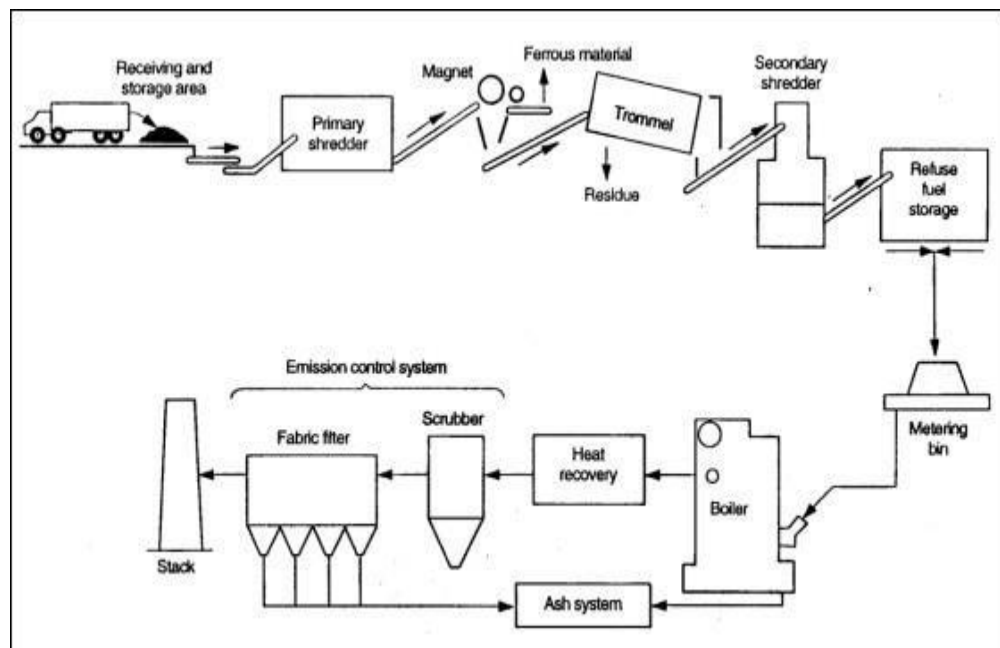


- ✓ A Mass burn facility typically consists of a reciprocating grate combustion system and a refractory-lined, water-walled steam generator.
- ✓ Mass-burn systems generally consist of either two or three incineration units ranging in capacity from 50 to 1,000 tonnes per day.
- ✓ Because of the larger facility size, an incineration unit is specially designed to efficiently combust the waste to recover greater quantities of steam or electricity for revenue.
- ✓ To achieve this greater combustion and heat recovery efficiency, the larger field-erected incinerators are usually in-line furnaces with a grate system.
- ✓ The steam generator generally consists of boiler as an integral part and refractory-coated water wall systems, i.e walls comprised of tubes through which water circulates to absorb the heat of combustion.
- ✓ Mass-burning of waste can also be achieved by the use of a rotary kiln.

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- ✓ Rotary kilns use a turning cylinder, either refractor or water wall design, to tumble the waste through the system.
- ✓ The kiln is reclined, with waste entering at the high elevation end and ash and non-combustibles leaving at the lower end.
- ✓ The waste intake area usually includes a tipping floor, pit, crane and sometimes conveyors.
- ✓ At least two combustor units are included to provide a level of redundancy and to allow waste processing at a reduced rate during periods of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.
- ✓ Mass-burn facilities today generate a higher quality of steam (i.e., pressure and temperature), which is then passed through a turbine generator to produce electricity or through an extraction turbine to generate electricity as well as provide process steam for heating or other purposes.

Refusederivedfuelsystem



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- ✓ Refuse-derived fuel (RDF) refers to solid wastes in any form that is used as fuel.
- ✓ The term RDF, however, is commonly used to refer to solid waste that has been mechanically processed to produce a storable, transportable and more homogeneous fuel for combustion.
- ✓ RDF systems have two basic components: RDF production and RDF incineration.
- ✓ RDF production facilities make RDF in various forms through material separation, size reduction and pelletising.
- ❑ It is shredded into a uniform grain size, or also pelletized in order to produce a homogeneous material which can be used as substitute for fossil fuels.
- ❑ RDF can be used in a variety of ways to produce electricity. It can be used alongside traditional sources of fuel in coal power plants.

There are two primary types of systems in operation, and these are:

(i) **Shred-and-burn systems:**

The process system typically consists of shredding the MSW to the desired particle size that allows effective feeding to the combustor and magnetic removal of ferrous metal, with the remaining portion delivered to the combustor. This, in essence, is a system with minimal processing and removal of non combustibles.

(ii) **Simplified process systems:**

This is a system that removes a significant portion of the non-combustibles. A simplified process system involves processing the MSW to produce an RDF with a significant portion of the non-combustibles removed before combustion.

The MSW process removes more than 85% of the ferrous metals, a significant percentage of the remaining non-combustible (i.e., glass, nonferrous metals, dirt, sand, etc.), and shreds the material to a

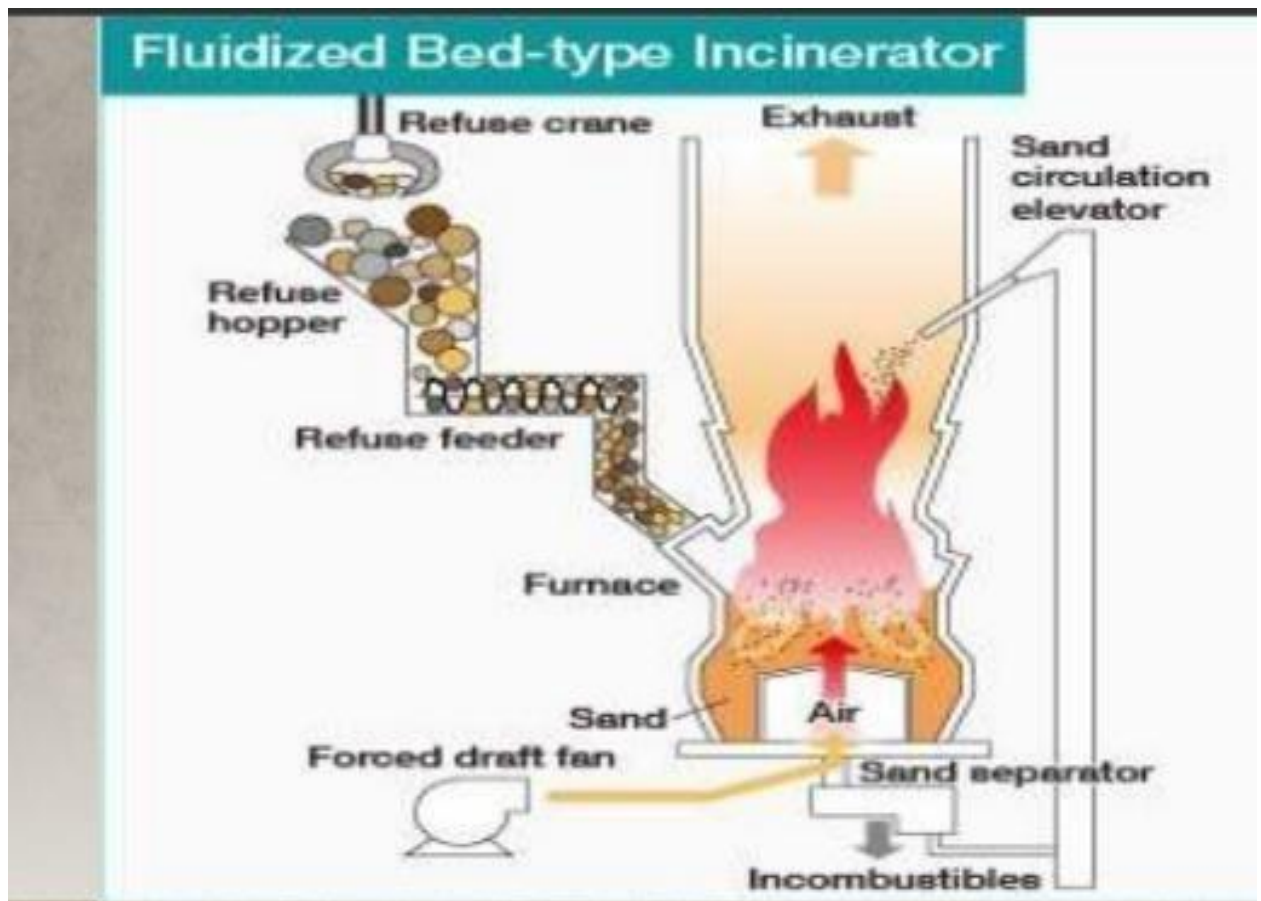
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nominal particle top size of 10 to 15 cm to allow effective firing in the combustion unit.

Depending on the type of combustor to be used, a significant degree of separation can be achieved to produce a high-quality RDF (i.e., low ash), which typically results in the loss of a higher percentage of combustibles when compared to systems that can produce a low-quality fuel (i.e., slightly higher ash content) for firing in a specially designed combustor.

These types of systems recover over 95% of the combustibles in the fuel fraction.

☐ Fluidised bed incineration



- ✓ Fluidised-bed incineration of MSW is typically medium scale, with processing capacity from 50 to 150 tonnes per day.

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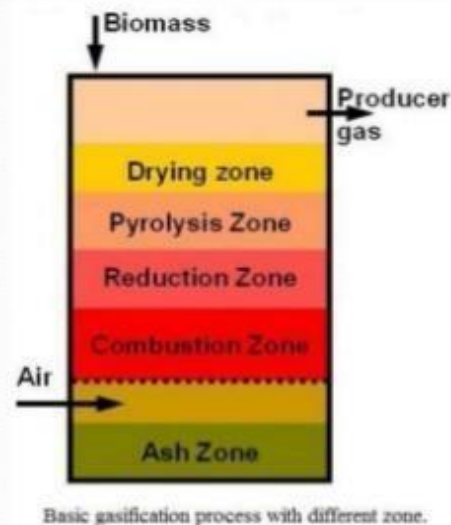
- ✓ In this system, a bed of limestone or sand that can withstand high temperatures, fed by an air distribution system, replaces the grate.
- ✓ The heating of the bed and an increase in the air velocities cause the bed to bubble, which gives rise to the term *fluidised*.
- ✓ There are two types of fluidised-bed technologies, viz., bubbling bed and circulating bed.
- ✓ The differences are reflected in the relationship between air flow and bed material, and have implications for the type of wastes that can be burned, as well as the heat transfer to the energy recovery system.

❑ Modular Incineration

- ✓ Modular incinerator units are usually prefabricated units with relatively small capacities between 5 and 120 tonnes of solid waste per day.
- ✓ The majority of modular units produce steam as the sole energy product.
- ✓ Due to their small capacity, modular incinerators are generally used in small communities or for commercial and industrial operations.
- ✓ Their prefabricated design gives modular facilities the advantage of a shorter construction time.

Gasification

- Gasification process is a process of conversion of solid fuel into gaseous fuel for wide applications.
- It produces gaseous fuels like H_2 , CO , CH_4 , N_2 of low calorific value.
- Biomass Gasification converts biomass into electricity and products, such as ethanol, methanol, fuels, fertilizers, and chemicals.
- In this operation feedstock is heated to high temperatures, producing gases which can undergo chemical reactions to form a synthesis gas.



Pyrolysis

- Pyrolysis is the process which converts biomass directly into solid (charcoal), liquid (bio oil), and gaseous (fuel gas) products by thermal decomposition of biomass in the absence of oxygen.
- The relative amounts of the three co-products depend on the operating temperature and the residence time used in the process.
- Pyrolytic oil may be used directly as a liquid fuel for boiler, diesel engine, gas turbine for heat and electricity generation, or catalytically upgraded to transport grade fuels.
- In all thermo-chemical conversion processes, pyrolysis plays a key role in the reaction kinetics .

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Waste

Disposal

Land disposal of solid waste - Sanitary landfills – site selection, design and operation of sanitary landfills – Landfill liners – Management of leachate and landfill gas- Landfill bioreactor – Dumpsite Rehabilitation

Disposal

- ✓ ItisthefinalelementintheSolidWasteManagementsystem.
- ✓ The semi-solid or solid matters created by human or animal beings whichare useless and hazardous are disposed in the landfill.

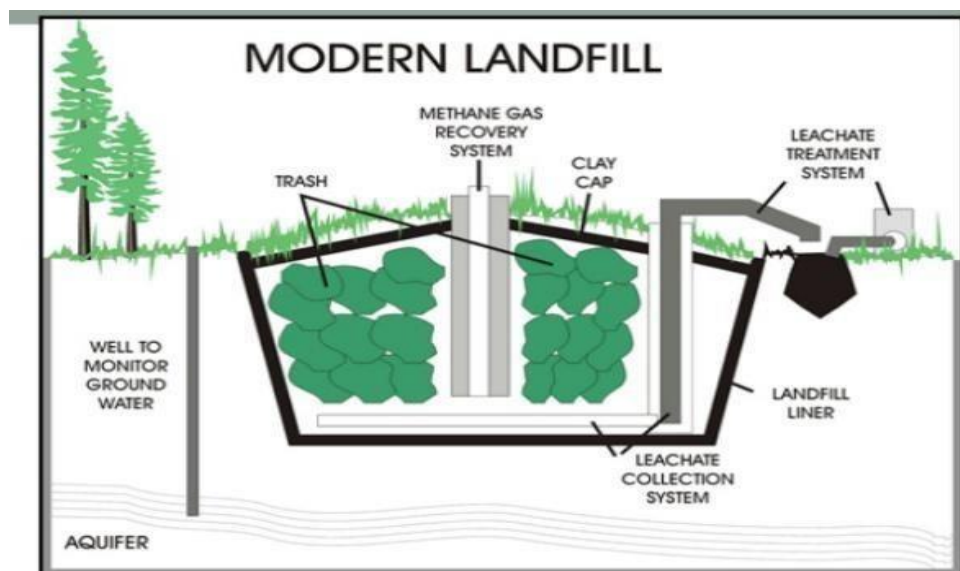
Mostcommondisposaloptions

- ✓ Uncontroledddumpingornon-engineereddisposal
- ✓ Sanitarylandfill
- ✓ Composting
- ✓ Incineration
- ✓ Gasification
- ✓ Refusederivedfuel
- ✓ Pyrolysis

Landfill/SanitaryLandfill

- ☐ Landfill generally refers to an engineered deposit of wastes either in pits/trenches or on the surface.
- ☐ Sanitary landfill is essentially a landfill, where proper mechanisms are availabletocontroltheenvironmentalrisksassociatedwith the disposal of wastes and to make available the land, subsequentto disposal,for other purposes.

- ❑ Various gases generated in sanitary landfill,
 - ✓ Methane (50-60%)
 - ✓ Carbon dioxide (30-40%)
 - ✓ Oxygen
 - ✓ Nitrogen
- ❑ The purpose of landfilling is to bury or alter the chemical composition of the wastes so that they do not pose any threat to the environment or public health.
- ❑ Landfills are not homogeneous and are usually made up of cells in which a discrete volume of waste is kept isolated from adjacent waste cells by a suitable barrier.
- ❑ The barriers between cells generally consist of a layer of natural soil (i.e., clay), which restricts downward or lateral escape of the waste constituents or leachate.
- ❑ An environmentally sound sanitary landfill comprises appropriate liners for protection of the groundwater (from contaminated leachate), run-off controls, leachate collection and treatment, monitoring wells and appropriate final cover design.



Lifecycle of landfill are,

- ☐ Planning phase
- ☐ Construction phase
- ☐ Operation phase (5-20 years)
- ☐ Completed phase (20-100 years)
- ☐ Final storage phase

1. **Planning phase** – involves Preliminary hydro-geological and geo-technical site investigations as a basis for actual design.
2. **Construction phase** – involves Earthwork, road and facility construction and preparation (liners, drains) of the fill area.

3. **Operation Phase (5-20 years)**

- ✓ Involves work at the front of the fill area
- ✓ Operation of environmental installations
- ✓ Completion of finished sections
- ✓ Has a high traffic intensity

4) **Completed phase (20-100 years)**

- ✓ It involves termination of actual filling to the time when environmental installations need no longer to be operated.
- ✓ The emissions may have decreased to a level where they do not need any further treatment and can be discharged freely into the surroundings.

5) **Final storage phase**

- ✓ In this phase the landfill is integrated into the surroundings for the further purpose, no longer needs special attention.

LANDFILL OPERATION ISSUES

❑ General

Important issues to be looked into regard are,

- ✓ Land requirements
- ✓ Types of wastes that are handled
- ✓ Evaluation of seepage potential
- ✓ Design of drainage and seepage control facilities
- ✓ Development of general operation plan
- ✓ Design of solid waste filling plan
- ✓ Determination of equipment requirements

❑ Design and construction

- ✓ Site infrastructure
- ✓ Earthworks
- ✓ Lining land fill sites
- ✓ Leachate and land fill gas management
- ✓ Landfill capping

❑ OPERATION

To secure public acceptability landfill operations require careful planning and determination of the extent of environmental effects.

1. Methods of filling

- ✓ Trench method
- ✓ Area method
- ✓ Canyon/depression

✓ Cell method

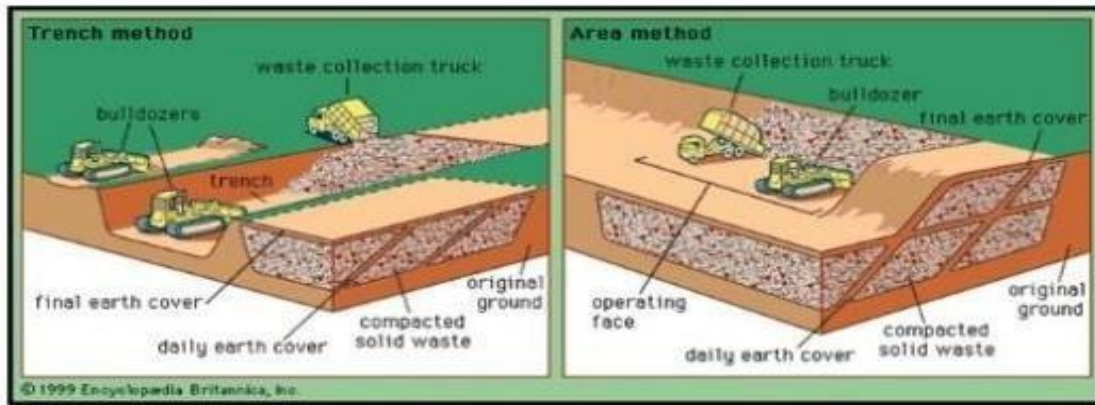
2. Refuse placement
3. Covering of waste
4. Site equipment and workforce orientation

Trench method

- ✓ Ideally suited to areas where an adequate depth of cover material is available at the site and water table is not near the surface.
- ✓ SW are placed in cells/trenches excavated in the soil.
- ✓ Soil excavated from the site is used for daily and final cover.
- ✓ Excavated cells are lined with synthetic membrane liners/ low permeability clay/combination of two to limit the movement of landfill gas and leachate.

Area method

- ✓ Used when terrain is unsuitable for excavation of cells/ trenches and GW table is high. Site preparation includes installation of liners and leachate management system.
- ✓ Cover material must be obtained from adjacent land/burrow, pit areas.
- ✓ Since there is limited material for covering, compost, foundry sand has been utilized as intermediate cover material.
- ✓ Temporary cover material of soil and geosynthetic blankets placed temporarily over completed cell and removed before next lift is begun.
- ✓ Leachate generation may occur and may be difficult to control.



Methods of Landfilling

Canyon/depression method

- ✓ Technique involves placement and compaction of SW in canyon/depression.
- ✓ It differs with geometry of site, characteristics of available cover material, hydrology, geology of the site.
- ✓ Control of surface drainage is often a critical factor in this method.
- ✓ Filling starts at the head of canyon and ends at mouth, to prevent accumulation of water behind the landfill.

Cell method

- ✓ This method involves the deposition of wastes within pre-constructed bounded area.
- ✓ It is now the preferred method in the industrialized world, since it encourages the concept of progressive filling and restorations.

- ✓ Operating a cellular method of filling enables wastes to be deposited in a tidy manner, as the cells serve both to conceal the tipping operation and trap much of the litter that has been generated.

Refuseplacement

- ✓ The working space should be sufficiently extensive to permit vehicles to manipulate and unload quickly and safely.
- ✓ Depositing of waste in thin layers and using a compactor enables a high waste density to be achieved.
- ✓ Each progressive layer should not be more than 30cm thick.
- ✓ The number of passes by a machine over the waste determines the level of compaction.

Coveringofwaste

- ✓ At the end of each working day working space should be covered with a suitable inert material to a depth of at least 15cm.
- ✓ It is essential as it reduces wind-blown litter and helps reduce odours.
- ✓ Cover material may be obtained from on-site excavations or inert materials coming to the site.
- ✓ Pulverised fuel ash or sewage sludge can also be used for this purpose.

Siteequipmentandworkforceorientation

- ✓ The equipment used on landfill sites include steel wheeled compactors, tracked dozers, loaders, earth movers and hydraulic excavators.
- ✓ Scrapers are used for excavating and moving cover materials.

Monitoring

- ✓ Leachate gas
- ✓ Groundwater

Advantages of Landfilling

- ✓ Incineration is a costly process, residue requires ultimate disposal on land.
- ✓ Composting is a seasonal option.
- ✓ It is not possible to reclaim and recycle all SW material.
- ✓ Thus landfilling is the most convenient option.

Disadvantages

- ✓ Difficult to find suitable site within economically feasible distance.
- ✓ It is not possible to build a completely safe and secure SW landfill. Some of the pollutants may escape in the environment in the form of leachate.
- ✓ Potential harm to public health due to air, soil, water and noise pollution
- ✓ Damage to local ecosystem.
- ✓ Public oppose

Landfill Settling process

It consists of three stages

1. Primary consolidation
2. Secondary compression
3. Decomposition

2. Primary consolidation

- ✓ Substantial amount of settling occurs at this stage.
- ✓ It is caused by weight of the waste layers, truck movements, bulldozers, mechanical compactors.
- ✓ After this stage aerobic degradation of waste occurs.

2. Secondary compression

- ✓ Rate of settling is much lower than first stage.
- ✓ Settling occurs through compression.

3. Decomposition

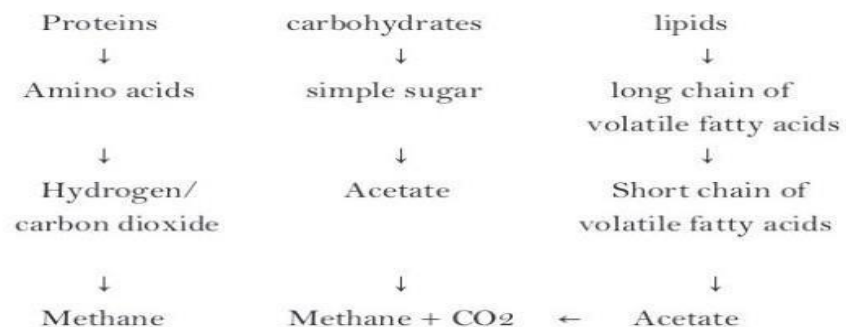
- ✓ It is the degradation process. Organic material is converted to gas and leachate.
- ✓ Settling rate increases as compared to secondary stage, but with the passage of time it gradually decreases.
- ✓ It continues till the organic matter is degraded.

Microbial Degradation Process

- ✓ Biological process is most important aspect in landfilling which determines the quantity and quality of leachate and gas.
- ✓ After the disposal, large part of waste becomes anaerobic (due to absence of oxygen). Microbial activity degrades the solid organic carbon and produces methane and carbon dioxide.
- ✓ In an anaerobic process solid and dissolved organic compounds are hydrolyzed and fermented to volatile fatty acids, alcohols, hydrogen and carbon dioxide.

The methanogenic bacteria convert acetic acid to methane and carbon dioxide.
Hydrogenophilic bacteria convert hydrogen and carbon dioxide to methane.

Decomposition pathways for common organic waste material



Composition Of Landfill Gas

Gases	% dry volume basis
Methane	45-60
Carbon dioxide	40-60
Nitrogen	2-5
Ammonia	0.1- 1
Oxygen	0.1- 1
Hydrogen	0-0.2
Carbon monoxide	0-0.2

Factors Affecting The Landfill Gas And Leachate Generation

- ✓ **Nature of waste** – amount of gas depends on the content of biodegradable matter in the waste.
- ✓ **Moisture content** – microorganisms require minimum 12% moisture for growth, thus it is important factor in determining gas production.
- ✓ **pH**– methanogens grow only at low pH around neutrality. % of gas depends on pH.
- ✓ **Particle size and density** – particle size affects density achieved by compaction that affects surface area and hence volume. This affects the moisture absorption and thus the biological degradation.
- ✓ **Temperature** – Increase in temperature tends to increase in gas production. It affects microbial activity.

Landfill Gas Hazards

- ✓ Explosion and fire
- ✓ Trace components
- ✓ Global warming
- ✓

Migration

- ✓ The movement of landfill gas from high pressure area to low pressure area is called migration.

Factors affecting gas migration:

- ✓ Environmental conditions
- ✓ Geophysical conditions
- ✓ Climatic conditions

Control:

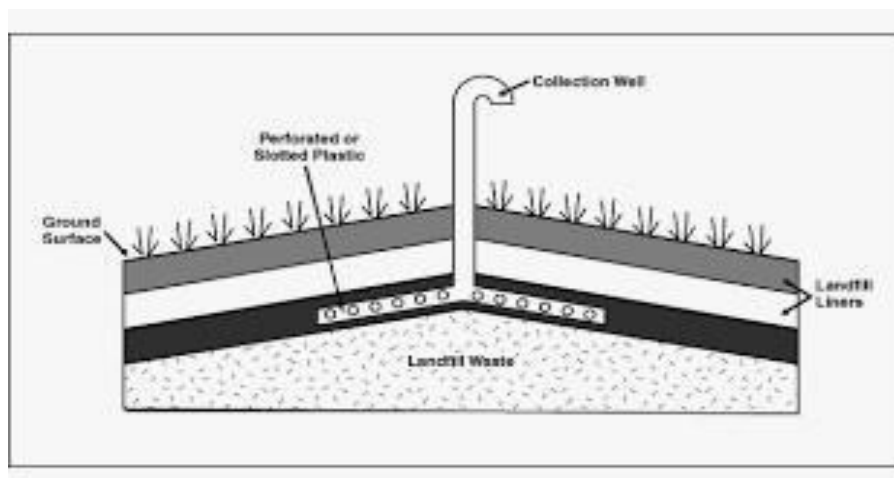
To control gas emission it is necessary to control the following

- ✓ Waste inputs
- ✓ Processes within the waste
- ✓ Migration process

Landfill gas management

1. Controlled passive venting
2. Controlled active collection and treatment/reuse

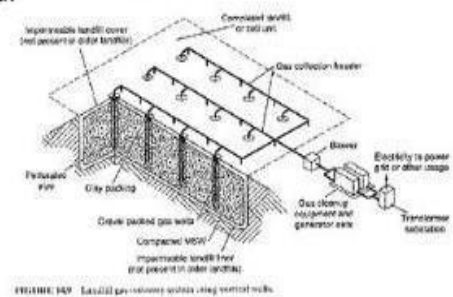
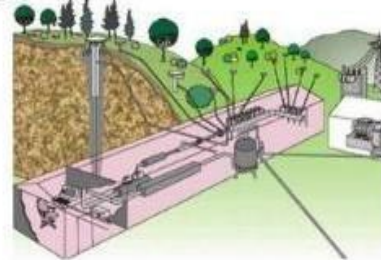
Controlled passive venting



Controlled active collection and treatment/reuse

Gas collection and utilization system

- Gas collection system contains
 - Gas extraction wells/trenches
 - Pipelines
 - Compressor or blowing station
 - Leads gas to flare or generator for electricity production
 - Instrumentation and electrical equipment
- The gas is led to a burner –
 - with just a flame/flare
 - With a generator to produce electricity
- 1 m³ gas contains 4 – 5 kWh energy
 - 2 m³ corresponds 1 l of oil
- 150 m³ gas is formed / 1 ton waste
 - Will be less in the future – WHY??



LEACHATE

The generation of leachate is caused principally by precipitation percolating through waste deposited in a landfill.

Leachate Formation

- ☐ Leachate can pollute both groundwater and surface water supplies.
- ☐ The degree of pollution will depend on local geology and hydrogeology, nature of waste and the proximity of susceptible receptors.
- ☐ Once groundwater is contaminated, it is very costly to clean it up. Landfills, therefore, undergo siting, design and construction procedures that control leachate migration.

Composition and properties

Leachate comprises soluble components of waste and its degradation products enter water, as it percolates through the landfill.

The amount of leachate generated depends on:

- ☐ water availability;
- ☐ landfill surface condition;
- ☐ refuse state;
- ☐ condition of surrounding strata.

The major factor, i.e., water availability, is affected by precipitation, surface runoff, waste decomposition and liquid waste disposal.

Control

The best way to control leachate is through prevention, which should be integral to the site design by providing liners.

Natural liners: These refer to compacted clay or shale, bitumen or soil sealants, etc., and are generally less permeable, resistant to chemical attack and have good sorption properties. They generally do not act as true containment barriers, because sometimes leachate migrates through them.

Synthetic (geo-membrane) liners: These are typically made up of high or medium density polyethylene and are generally less permeable, easy to install, relatively strong and have good Deformation characteristics. They sometimes expand or shrink according to temperature and age.

Treatment

- ☐ Concentrations of various substances occurring in leachate are too high to be discharged to surface water or into a sewer system.
- ☐ These concentrations, therefore, have to be reduced by removal, treatment or both.

The various treatments of leachate include:

1. Leachate recirculation:

- ✓ It is one of the simplest forms of treatment.
- ✓ Recirculation of leachate reduces the hazardous nature of leachate and helps wet the waste, increasing its potential for biological degradation.

2. Biological treatment:

- ✓ This removes BOD, ammonia and suspended solids. Leachate from landfilled waste can be readily degraded by biological means, due to high content of volatile fatty acids (VFAs).
- ✓ The common methods are aerated lagoons (i.e., special devices which enhance the aerobic processes of degradation of organic substances over the entire depth of the tank) and activated sludge process, which differs from aerated lagoons in that discharged sludge is recirculated and is often used for BOD and ammonia removal.
- ✓ While under conditions of low COD, rotating biological contactors (i.e., biomass is brought into contact with circular blades fixed to a common axle which is rotated) are very effective in removing ammonia.
- ✓ In an anaerobic treatment system, complex organic molecules are fermented in filter.
- ✓ The common types are anaerobic filters, anaerobic lagoon and digesters.

3. Physicochemical treatment:

- ✓ After biological degradation, effluents still contain significant concentrations of different substances.
- ✓ Physicochemical treatment processes could be installed to improve the leachate effluent quality.
- ✓ Some of these processes are flocculation-precipitation. The addition of chemicals to the water attracts the metal by floc formation.

- ✓ Separation of the floc from water takes place by sedimentation, adsorption and reverse osmosis.

Leachate Management

- ☐ Leachate collection systems
- ☐ Leachate reduction
- ☐ Leachate evaporation
- ☐ Leachate disposal
- ☐ Leachate treatment

Bioreactor landfill

- ✓ A bioreactor landfill is a municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) in which liquids are added to help bacteria break down the waste.
- ✓ The increase in waste degradation and stabilization is accomplished through the addition of liquid and air to enhance microbial processes.
- ✓ This bioreactor concept differs from the traditional “dry tomb” municipal landfill approach.
- ✓ Bioreactor landfills are expected to reduce the amount and costs associated with the management of leachate to increase the rate of production of methane gas for commercial purpose and reduce the amount of land required for landfills.

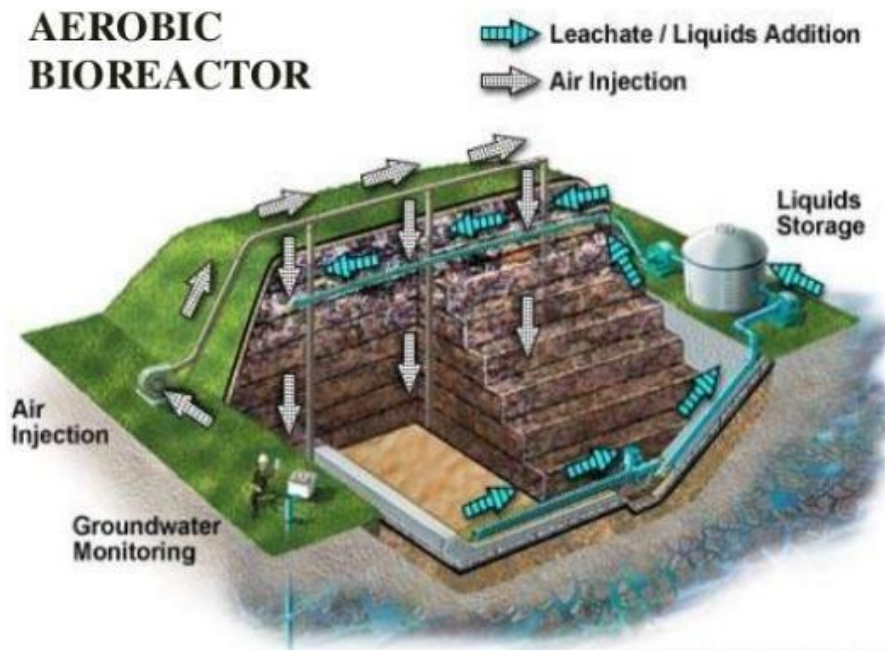


Types of bioreactor landfill

- ☐ Aerobic bioreactor
- ☐ Anaerobic bioreactor
- ☐ Aerobic-anaerobic(hybrid) bioreactors
- ☐ **Hybrid** bioreactors subject the upper portions of the landfill through aerobic-anaerobic cycles to increase decomposition rate while methane is produced by the lower portions of the landfill.
- ☐ Bioreactor landfills produce lower quantities of VOCs than traditional landfills, except H_2S . Bioreactor landfills produce higher quantities of H_2S .

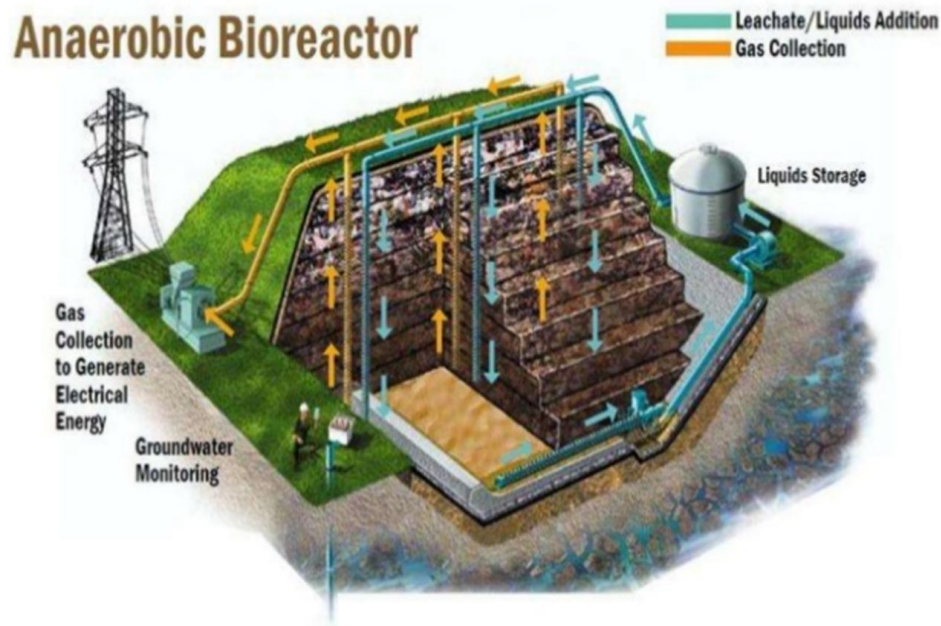
Aerobic bioreactor

- ✓ In aerobic bioreactors air is pumped into the landfill using either vertical or horizontal system of pipes.
- ✓ The aerobic environment decomposition is accelerated and amount of volatile organic compounds, toxicity of leachate and methane are minimised.



Anaerobicbioreactor

- ✓ In anaerobic bioreactors with leachate being circulated the landfill produces methane at a rate much faster and earlier than traditional landfills.
- ✓ The high concentration and quantity of methane allows it to be used more efficiently for commercial purposes while reducing the time that the landfill needs to be monitored for methane production.



Working of bioreactor landfill

- ✓ All three mechanisms involve the re-introduction of collected leachate supplemented with water to maintain moisture levels in the landfill.
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- ✓ The aerobic environment decomposition is accelerated and amount of toxicity of leachate and methane are minimised.

Advantages of bioreactor landfills

- ✓ Creates more space for dumping garbage.
- ✓ Expected to increase the rate of decomposition and save up to 30% of space needed for landfills.
- ✓ Bioreactor landfill can thus provide a significant way of maximising landfill space.
- ✓ This is not just cost effective, but since less land is needed for the landfills, this is also better for the environment.

Less time and energy is required to process the leachate, making the process more efficient.

Disadvantages of bioreactor landfills

- ✓ Bioreactor landfills are a relatively new technology. For the newly developed bioreactor landfills initial monitoring costs are higher to ensure that everything important is discovered and properly controlled. This includes gases, odours and seepage of leachate into the ground surface.
- ✓ The increased moisture content of bioreactor landfill may reduce the structural stability of the landfill by increasing the pore water pressure within the waste mass.
- ✓ Since the target of bioreactor landfills is to maintain a high moisture content, gas collection systems can be affected by the increased moisture content of the waste.

Dumpsite Rehabilitation is practiced with the following methods,

- ✓ Phytoremediation
- ✓ Soil/earth reinforcement/stabilization
- ✓ Anti-termit treatment
- ✓ Dewatering

Phytoremediation

- ✓ It is an emerging green technology in which some plant species are used to remediate and solve environmental problems.
- ✓ It is the use of living green plants for insitu risk reduction and or removal of contaminants from contaminated soil, water, sediments and air.

Soil/earth reinforcement/stabilization

It is a method of improving soil properties by blending and mixing other materials.

- ✓ Soil stabilization with cement
- ✓ Soil stabilization using lime
- ✓ Soil stabilization with bitumen
- ✓ Chemical stabilization of soil
- ✓ Electrical stabilization of clayey soils
- ✓ Soil stabilization by grouting
- ✓ Soil stabilization by geotextiles and fabrics

Anti-termit treatment

- ✓ It is a technique in which some chemical solutions or emulsions are required to be dispersed uniformly in the soil to the required strength so as to form an effective chemical barrier which is repellant to termites.

Dewatering

- ✓ It is the removal of water from solid material or soil by wet classification, centrifugation, filtration, or similar solid-liquid separation processes, such as removal of residual liquid from a filter cake by a filter process.