

## Garbage in, Garbage out

All the unwanted wastes are dumped as garbage but it also contains useful components that can be recycled back.

### Dealing with Garbage

The garbage collected from the all sources is brought to a low lying area or landfill. The useful components are separated out and the unwanted wastes are dumped into the landfill and covered with a layer of soil. The organic material of the waste breaks down into simpler components (nutrients) that are returned back to the soil. These wastes are biodegradable.

Polythene bags, plastics, glass and aluminums foils are non-useful garbage or non-biodegradable. These take longer to decay. Decaying of these non-useful components is known as decomposition. When non-useful components decay, they release harmful gases that damage the environment. To avoid the adverse impact, these garbage items are sent for recycling.

For example, when leaves burn, they release harmful gases and causes air pollution. Moreover, they lead to asthma and lung diseases. That is why leaves should be buried so as to convert them into manure.

