

Methods of Handling Waste

Recycling, Composting, Source Reducing, Landfilling, or Combusting

In this unit, teachers and students will learn the basics of the common solid waste management options used in the United States today. They will learn how to prevent waste before it is even created (known as source reduction), the mechanics and benefits of recycling and buying recycled products, how to make and use compost, and the realities of waste disposal through landfilling and combustion. By learning that trash doesn't just "go away," students will gain an appreciation for how their everyday actions and decisions affect the environment.

