

General Waste

General waste is made up of all materials that cannot be recycled through other waste streams. It is collected and transported to a landfill site where it is buried. Some landfill sites extract methane from decomposing waste for their energy needs. Paper contaminated with food waste needs to go into general waste.

01 Collection & Transportation

Waste is collected from schools by a garbage truck. In most metropolitan areas general waste goes to a Waste Transfer Station.

02 Sorting

Some sorting of waste occurs at the waste transfer station, where some recyclable material can be recovered before being transported to a landfill site.

03 Burial at Landfill Sites

Waste is buried in very large pits in the ground. These pits are covered with dirt to bury the waste. Old quarries or mine sites are often used as landfill sites.

