

Garbage In, Garbage Out

- The garbage collected in the garbage trucks is disposed in low lying open areas known as **landfill**. This does not allow any segregation of useful and non-useful components.
- To deal with garbage, useful and non-useful components are separated.
- The useful components (that rot completely) include fruit or vegetable peels, paper bags, dried leaves, etc. They must be dumped in the green bins.
- The non-useful components (that do not rot) include aluminium wrappers, glass pieces, old shoes, plastic bags, etc. They must be dumped in the blue bins.

- **Recycling of materials**
 - Some materials such as newspaper, notebooks, envelopes, etc. can be easily recycled to form useful products.
 - Some other materials such as plastics can cause health hazards and environmental problems. Therefore, the use of plastics should be minimized.

- **Dealing with garbage**
 - Minimise the use of plastic bags.
 - Use jute or paper bags.
 - Never burn plastic bags and dried leaves.
 - Use vermicomposting, to deal with domestic waste.
 - Do not waste paper.