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**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**  
Level 3

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# **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

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The things that we don't use or want any more are waste. Waste can include empty bottles, plastic bags, leftover food, old furniture, old clothes and many other items.



Waste is a very big problem for our environment. Some waste is burned. This gives off fumes and makes our air dirty.



Some waste goes into huge holes in the ground called landfill sites. Landfill sites attract mice, rats and flies. Rotting waste gives off dangerous gases.



Some waste ends up in our streets or in rivers or the sea. This makes the water dirty and is harmful to wildlife.



## **reduce • reuse • recycle**

There are some things we can do to help our environment. We can **reduce**, **reuse** and **recycle**.





We need to **reduce** our waste. We can do this by buying items with less packaging.

We can also fix broken things instead of buying new ones.



We need to **reuse** our waste. We can help by sending old clothes to charity shops.

We can also use plastic bags more than once.

We can put leftover food in a compost bin.



We need to **recycle** our waste. Things we can recycle include paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, glass and batteries.



Most houses now have their own recycling bins.

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## Test your knowledge

1. What is waste?
2. Why should we not burn waste?
3. What are landfill sites?
4. What can we do to help our environment?
5. What can we recycle?
6. What colour are your recycling bins at home?

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