

**NATURAL SCIENCES - GRADE: 7**  
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Recycling is important for reducing pollution of the environment. In this section you are going to learn about the separation of waste materials so that the materials can be recycled. The municipality collects waste from dustbins at home every week and takes it to dump at landfill sites. Most of our household waste ends up in landfill sites where it decomposes over time.

Unfortunately, recycling is not commonly practiced in South Africa, mostly because the infrastructure is lacking to make it easy for people to recycle. People must collect sort and transport their recyclable waste to recycling stations.

**Activity:1**

1. What can be done to make it easier for people to recycle?
2. What is poor waste disposal?
3. Discuss whose responsibility it is to make sure that waste is correctly disposed of?