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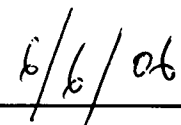
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# ABSTRACT

This thesis was conducted to get more understanding about solid waste management. Everyday life cannot be separated from discarded things such as domestic wastes. Without a good management in solid waste, the dumping of the wastes will contribute to the pollution. Residents in rural areas facing this problem for a long term banish the domestic waste by burning it or burying it and also throwing the waste into the river with a hope that the wastes will be carried away by the river flow. This resident was not realized that their attitudes are causing the environment pollution. The distance of the rural areas that is too far from the urban areas and also a bad condition of the road or not accessible by the public collection service from the city council made this problem become worse. There are four methods that can be used to manage the solid waste in this thesis. There are recycling, composting, mini landfilling and bin centre. Some important factors that must be considered in doing this thesis. These factors are important to see whether these methods are suitable or not to implement in the rural areas. The population of the resident must be determined because it is important to estimate the solid waste that generated everyday. The type of waste that they throw is also important to know what type of waste that they usually throw away. Besides that, the knowledge base of the residents needs to be identified. It is because without the knowledge about these methods, the implementation of these methods will not be successful. At the end of this thesis, for the area that contributed high percentage of food waste, the composting method is the most suitable method.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

C	=	Celsius
Cm	=	Centimeter
C/N	=	Carbon-to-Nitrogen Ratio
d	=	Day
F	=	Fahrenheit
ft	=	Feet
h	=	Hour
in	=	Inch
lb	=	Pound
Kg	=	Kilograms
Mm	=	Millimeters
pH	=	Potential of Hydrogen
yd	=	Yard (= 3 feet)
yr	=	Year (= 365 day)
%	=	Percent
°	=	degree

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Waste

Waste has always been a result of our daily activities, but mostly viewed as an undesirable by product. Because of that, view people manage the waste with the quickest and cheapest way. Nevertheless, they not realize that this way of management will effect the environment.

Under the heading 'waste matter, refuse', the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) defines 'refuse matter' as 'unserviceable material remaining over from any process of manufacture: the useless by-products of any industrial process: material or manufactured articles so damaged as to be useless or unsaleable'.

*Webster's New International Dictionary* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) echoes the OED in considering waste as 'damaged, defective or superfluous material produced during or left over from a manufacturing process or industrial operation' and, having used the word 'superfluous', proceeds to add, 'material not usable for the ordinary or main purpose of manufacture'.

There are three forms of waste from all sources. A waste can be in liquid, gaseous or solid form. However, these three forms are closely related by a conversion cycle. The liquid waste can be transformed to solid waste form after it was generated. The gaseous waste holds the same procedure. In turn, after the solid waste when incinerated, it will result in the fabrication of gaseous and liquid wastes (Figure 1.1).

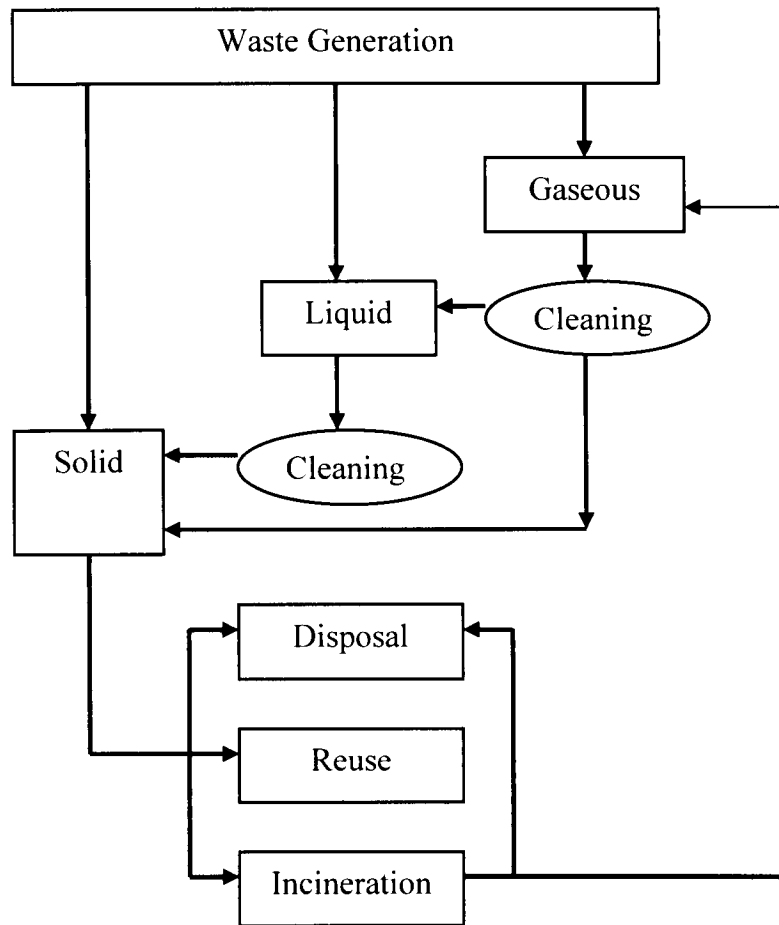


Figure 1.1 Waste types and their interrelationship. (Ishwar P. Murarka, 2000)

## 1.2 Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965 [Title II, P.L. 89-272, 89<sup>th</sup> Congress, October 20, 1965, Section 203 (4)] defines solid waste as garbage, refuse, and other discarded solid materials, including solid waste materials resulting from industrial, commercial and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage or other significant pollutants in water resources, such as silt, dissolved or suspended

solids in industrial wastewater effluents, dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or other common water pollutants.

Solid wastes include garbage, old newspaper, yard waste, packaging materials and the other item that are discarded by the typical household. There are eight categories of sources classification of solid wastes in a community (Table 1.1) which are residential, commercial, institutional, construction and demolition, municipal services, treatment plant sites, industrial and agricultural. (Tchobanoglous, Theisen and Vigil, 1993)

Table 1.1 Sources of solid wastes within a community

<b>Source</b>	<b>Typical facilities, activities, or locations where wastes are generated</b>	<b>Types of solid wastes</b>
Residential	Single family and multifamily detached dwellings, low-, medium-, and high-rise apartments, etc.	Food wastes, paper, cardboard, plastics, textiles, leather, yard wastes, wood, glass, tin cans, aluminum, other metals, ashes, street leaves, special wastes (including bulky items, consumer electronics, white goods, yard wastes collected separately, batteries, oil, and tires), household hazardous wastes
Commercial	Stores, restaurants, markets, office buildings, hotels, motels, print shops, service stations, auto	Paper, cardboard, plastics, wood, food waste, glass, metals, special wastes (see above), hazardous wastes.

	repair shops, etc.	etc.
Institutional	Schools, hospitals, prisons, government centers	As above in commercial
Construction and demolition	New construction sites, road repair/renovation sites, razing of buildings, broken pavement	Wood, steel, concrete, dirt, etc.
Municipal services (excluding treatment facilities)	Street cleaning, landscaping, catch basin cleaning, parks and beaches, other recreational areas	Special wastes, rubbish, street sweepings, landscape and tree trimmings, catch basin debris, general wastes from parks, beaches, and recreational areas
Treatment plant sites; municipal incinerators	Water, wastewater, and industrial treatment processes, etc.	Treatment plant wastes, principally composed of residual sludges
Municipal solid waste	All of above	All of the above
Industrial	Construction, fabrication, light and heavy manufacturing, refineries, chemical plants, power plants, demolition, etc.	Industrial process wastes, scrap materials, etc. Non-industrial wastes including food wastes, rubbish, ashes, demolition and construction wastes, special wastes, hazardous wastes
Agricultural	Field and raw crops, orchards, vineyards, dairies, feedlots, farms, etc.	Spoiled food wastes, agricultural wastes, rubbish, hazardous wastes

Source: Tchobanoglous, Theisen and Vigil, 1993

### **1.3 Solid Waste Management**

Tchobanoglous, Theisen and Vigil (1993), defined the solid waste management as the discipline associated with the control of generation, storage, collection, transfer and transport, processing, and disposal of solid waste in a manner that is in accord with the best principles of public health, economics, engineering, conversation, aesthetics, and other environmental considerations, and that is also responsive to public attitudes.

An efficiency waste management becomes important since nineteenth century. Unfortunately, waste management in rural area is mismanaged. According to M. Joe and B. Alison (2001), 'rural' is a relative term used to describe geographically based characteristics, circumstances and practices which are not urban. By comparison, 'urban' refers to that commonly found in towns and cities. Rural implies landscapes characterized by open space, vegetation and natural physical features, land use characterized by farmed land and a relative low incidence of built property and infrastructure. Rural also implies human socio-cultural norms captured in labels such as 'conservatism; and 'traditionalism', with social attitudes and behavior strongly influenced by the patterns of natural processes and a shared sense of heritage and belonging. The residents in the rural area throw they rubbish into the river or burning the waste besides buried it in the soil. Furthermore, this practice will lead to pollution.