

Municipal Solid Waste Review

1. List the components of MSW.
2. What are the major costs and limitations of using landfills as disposal for MSW?
3. Why are landfills not a sustainable option for solid waste disposal?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of landfills?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of incineration?
6. List some ways in which the volume of MSW can be reduced.
7. Define primary and secondary recycling.
8. What is the difference between the terms “recycled” and “post consumer”?
9. Discuss the characteristics of a successful recycling program.
10. For each of paper, plastic, metal (including cans), and composting list the advantages and disadvantages.
11. Which types of MSW can be composted?
12. Think about the plastic items you threw away this week. How could you reduce these items?
13. How could you contribute to the recycling program in this school?