

Waste Separation in Sri Lanka



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Sources of SW

- Residents
- Commercial places
- Institutions
- Construction and demolitions
- Municipal services
- Treatment plant sites
- Industries
- Agricultural activities
- Importation

Management of SW in Sri Lanka

• All street refuse, house refuse, other similar wastes collected by Local Authorities under the provisions of this part shall be the property of the council and the council shall have full power to sell or dispose of all such matter.

Legislations on SWM

- Local Governmental Laws
- National Environment Act
- Police Department

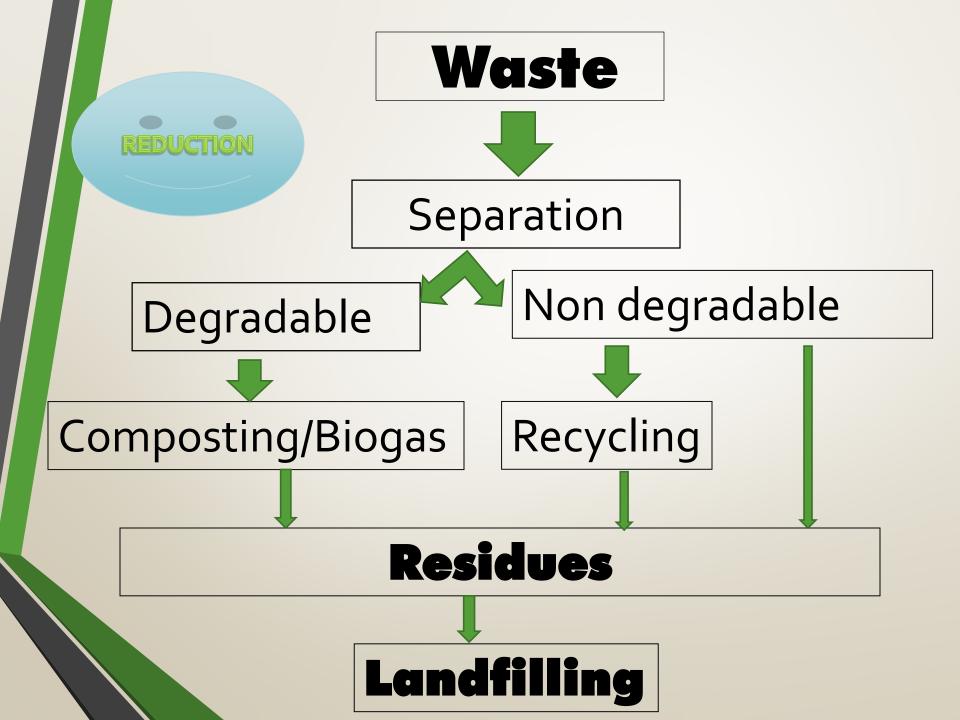
Local Governmental Laws

Every Local Authority shall, from time to time provide places convenient for the proper disposal of all **street refuse**, **house refuse**, and **similar matter** removed in accordance with the provisions of the Law, and

for keeping all vehicles, animals, implements and other things required for that purpose and shall take all ensures that no such wastes removed in accordance with the provisions of the law is disposed of in such a way as to cause a nuisance.

SWM is statutorily treated as a local government subject.

- Local Authorities:
 - —21 municipal councils
 - -43 Urban councils
 - —271 Pradeshiya Sabhas



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Three Pilot Projects

- Three pilot projects have been implemented in three different districts in Sri Lanka, collaboration with JICA and Central Environmental Authority, Sri Lanka
 - Kurunegala Municipal Council
 - Ratnapura Municipal Council
 - Kataragama Pradeshiya Sabha

 Under these projects they highly promoted the waste separation

Reduce Polythene Regulation

2034/33- Prohibition of usage of thin polythene less than 20 micron

(Few Permitted uses)

- 2034/34- prohibition of polythene Lunch sheets
- 2034/35- Prohibition of shopping bags made out of HDPE (permitted – garbage bags and textile bags)
- 2034/36- Burning Plastic or associated waste
- 2034/37 Prohibition of all forms of polythene in decorations
- 2034/38 prohibition of expanded polystyrene products

Recycling

- Net working the collectors
- Product modifications and improvement
- Reduction of single use plastic and polythene
- Pet bottle recycling
- Aluminum can recycling programme
- Established recyclers forum



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Rewards & Exhibitions

- Presidential Environment Awards
 - Waste Management Projects of Local Authorities
 - Solid waste Recovery/ Recycling/ Disposal or Processing Plants

Exhibitions



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