

## Appropriate Handling of Waste 6.

The fundamental principles of waste management are to reduce the amount of waste through waste separation and recycling and to dispose of waste sanitarily so as not to harm our living environment.

Waste separation into recyclable and non-recyclable is fundamental for the separate collection and the reuse of waste through composting and recycling.

Waste generated can be managed through an **intermediate treatment**, which is a very effective and important process designed to reduce the volume of waste and make it harmless. **Final disposal** is the process of returning waste to nature.

More effective environmental methods of waste management, such as the application of the three "R" – reduction, reuse and recycling – and composting will help to sustain our resources and consequently our country.

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

**Reducing, reusing, and recycling will help us restore and protect our environment.**

**REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE + CHANGE IN ATTITUDE**

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**IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

- **Reduce** the volume of waste generated by mainly avoiding consuming products that use unnecessary packing materials.
- **Reuse** things before considering them as "waste".
- **Recycle** from the separate collection phase; so that used materials can be transformed into new products.



# Invaders in my house?

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I want to sleep a little more! ZZZZZZ...



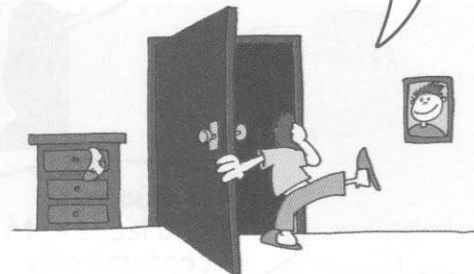
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Ajum...zzz  
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It's eight o'clock and class starts in 5 minutes! I have to get dressed.



Mom... why you didn't you wakes me up?  
Wow... I don't have enough time for breakfast!

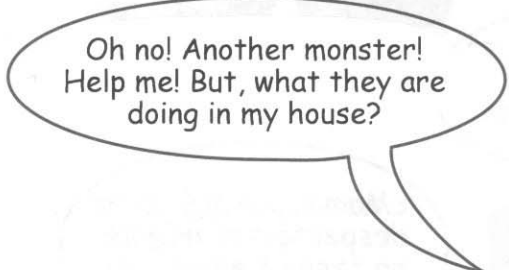
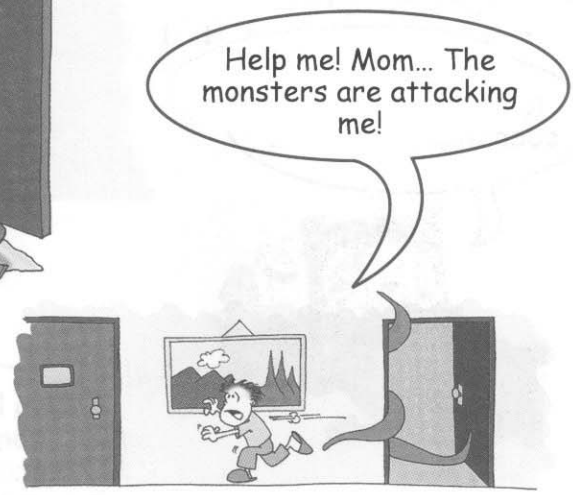


Oops! Who left this banana skin on the floor? Oh, my poor leg... It's too late now.



plop!!



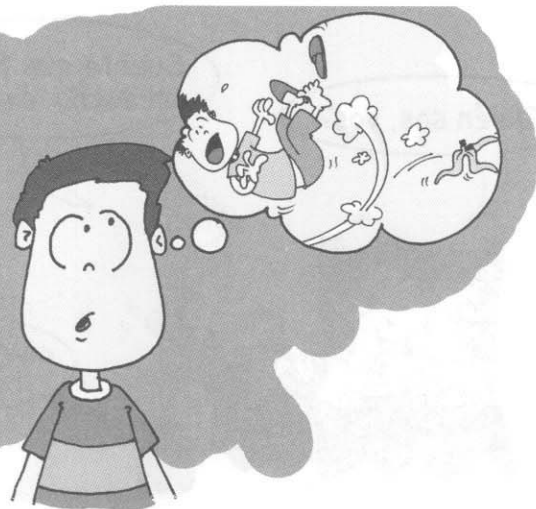




¡ Yo sí quiero! . . . mi ciudad limpia y sana



In my dream, I would not have been hurt if I had placed the banana skin in the trashcan.



**That's right.** It is very important to discard waste properly to prevent injury. I will explain you about appropriate waste management. Do you know that waste can be divided into two big groups: recyclable and non-recyclable?

Some materials, such as paper, plastic and glass, can be recycled and converted into new products.

Among non-recyclable, there are biodegradable wastes, such as food leftovers, fruit peels and vegetables, and also branches and leaves. This type of waste can be considered as recyclable if we use it to make compost or fertilizer, at home or for commercial use.

We see... So waste is not waste when it can be used again?



That's right. Have you noticed how dirty the streets and rivers are in San Salvador Metropolitan Area?

