



SHORT COURSE ON SOLID WASTES
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

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Administrative Methods to Reduce Wastes

Problem: In established cities nearly all material that is brought in to a city must be taken out in a changed form -- all that is used is energy. People are not consumers -- just users.

- A. Encourage re-use
 - 1. Subsidies to encourage
 - a. Salvage
 - b. Conservation
 - 2. Storage for future use
 - 3. Technical application leading to easier conversion to a resource
- B. Cooperation of manufacturers
 - 1. Single use containers
 - 2. Degradable containers
 - 3. Stimulate development of methods of manufacture leading to re-use
- C. Education - enlist public support
 - 1. Assess priorities on environment
 - 2. Information on the cost of discards
- D. Formulation of legal methods of preventing residue problems before they occur rather than trying to correct them after they exist.