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SHORT COURSE ON SOLID WASTES COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

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## Treatment and Disposal Methods

A review of various methods of disposing of solid wastes may broaden our field of thinking.

- A. Most frequently thought of-satisfactory disposal
  - 1. Sanitary landfill (controlled tipping)
    - a. Emphasis on SANITARY
  - 2. Incineration
    - a. What percentage is combustible?
  - 3. Composting
    - a. Is composition of refuse satisfactory for comporting?
- B. Most frequently thought of method questionable.
  - 1. Dumping
    - a. With controlled burning and covering
    - b. With burning-no cover
    - c. No controls
  - 2. Feeding garbage to swine
    - a. Garbage should be cooked before feeding
    - b. Sanitary conditions at point of feeding

## C. Additional methods

- 1. Garbage grinding on municipal scale
- 2. Refuse grinding for disposal to sewers
  - a. Are sewers of sufficient capacity
  - b. Problems at treatment plant
  - c. Maintenance of grinders
- 3. Salvage and reclamation
  - a. Requires separation
  - b. Problems of stable market and prices
  - c. Wastepaper baling
  - d. Rags
  - e. Metals
    - (1) Some much more valuable than others
  - f. Difficult sanitary problems
- 4. Pulverizing
- 5. Burial at sea