What Waste Goes Where?

Sometimes we have to throw things out! But where does our waste go? Garbage is a type of waste, but it is not the only type. Garbage is sent to the landfill, or a place to wait for the material to break down. This causes pollution because garbage can take hundreds of years to break down. To reduce this pollution, we have to sort our waste!

Sorting is when we put things into groups depending on their type. In coding this often includes sorting through data and choosing the best way to store it. Today we will be sorting through types of waste and choosing the best way to dispose of it.

RECYCLING

Some waste can be recycled! Recycling is a type of waste that can be made into something else and used again! Different places have different types of recycling. Recyclable materials can include plastic containers, paper, newspaper, cardboard, and drink containers.

COMPOST

Some waste can be composted! We call this organic waste. Organic waste can be broken into smaller pieces by very small living things called microorganisms. Compost is used to help plants get nutrients and grow big and strong. Compostable materials can include fruit and vegetable scraps, paper products, napkins, paper towels, eggshells and plant trimmings.

GARBAGE

Some waste cannot be recycled or composted. This waste can be put in a landfill. This is our last choice when sorting our waste, but sometimes we do not have other good options. If the waste cannot be reused, recycled, or composted, then it can go in the garbage.

Cut out and colour the images of waste on the next page. Then glue it to the bin on page 13 that it should be disposed in. Remember something only goes in the garbage if it can’t be reused, recycled or composted.
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Place the waste in the correct bin!