

# The Waste Hierarchy

## Stages



## Includes

Changing our behaviour to prevent waste  
Asking 'Do I really need it?'

Minimising the amount of waste we produce  
Selecting items with less packaging, buying recycled

Does it need to be disposed of?  
Could I or someone else use it?

Recycling more, checking schemes available and  
segregating items appropriately; composting food waste

Capturing energy and materials from discarded products  
(e.g. waste sent for incineration with energy recovery)

Last resort option - landfill and incineration without  
energy recovery