

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

As the generation of municipal solid waste (MSW) continues to increase, the capacity to handle it is decreasing. Many landfills and incinerators have been closed, and new disposal facilities are often difficult to site. As a result, many communities face hard choices when weighing trash management options.

The problems of waste disposal belongs to everyone. Therefore, everyone must be involved in developing responsible solutions. Before we can develop intelligent solutions, however, we must have a clear understanding of the complexities of the problems.

The classroom activities included in this K-6 curriculum have been developed by teachers to help you meet the challenge of educating your students:

- ✓ To become aware that the solid waste management problem exists.
- ✓ To realize that they are part of the problem.
- ✓ To acquire a basic understanding of the integrated approach to solid waste management (source reduction, recycling, resource recovery and land filling). And to gain a working knowledge of the function and consequences of each.
- ✓ To be able to analyze and prioritize options in solving the solid waste problem.
- ✓ To realize they can implement specific actions to be part of the solution to the solid waste problem.

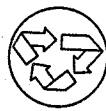
The interdisciplinary lessons are designed to complement math, science, social studies and economics curricula with activities that are relevant to today. Each lesson focuses on one aspect of the problem, or possible solutions. Teachers are to select those lessons which best apply to what their class is studying.

1. **Printed Teachers Guide:** The guide contains general information and 27 different lessons.
2. **Dates:** The program will be sent to the participating school on two weeks written notice to the Extension Office.

### Reuse It or Lose It!



Recycled



Recyclable



Recyclable Plastic