

Garbage



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Pre-Reading Questions

1. Do you feel guilty when you throw out garbage?
2. How have your recycling habits changed in the past ten years?
3. What do cities do when landfills fill up?
4. What are some alternatives to dumping garbage?

Reading

Garbage collection is less frequent than it used to be. Many cities have restrictions on how many bags you can put out at the curb. Recycling and compost programs reduce the need for garbage collection. In some cities you can even recycle diapers. The goal is to reduce or eliminate the need for landfills. Did you know the garbage industry is profitable? Some cities, such as New York, sell their garbage to other countries. Garbage pickers make a living out of sorting through trash. Many people think old dumps should be reopened and mined for treasures such as metal.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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