

LANDFILLS

How do landfills affect the environment and our health?

Landfills are places on land where we put our garbage and other waste materials. Modern landfills are made to keep toxic chemicals out of the environment, but they still sometimes manage to get out! Some things put in landfills might never disappear, and many landfills are too full!

Most of the material that goes into landfills is organic material. Organic material, including food waste, is really bad for the environment because it's polluted the area and the environment.

The Environment

Almost two thirds of landfill waste is biodegradable. This waste rots and decomposes, and produces harmful gases (CO₂ and Methane) which are both greenhouse gases and contribute to global warming. Landfills also pollute the local environment, including the water and the soil.

Our Health

Landfills leak and release a lot of toxic chemicals into our environment, which then goes into our bodies and can make us sick. It also affect the global warming and the environment.

