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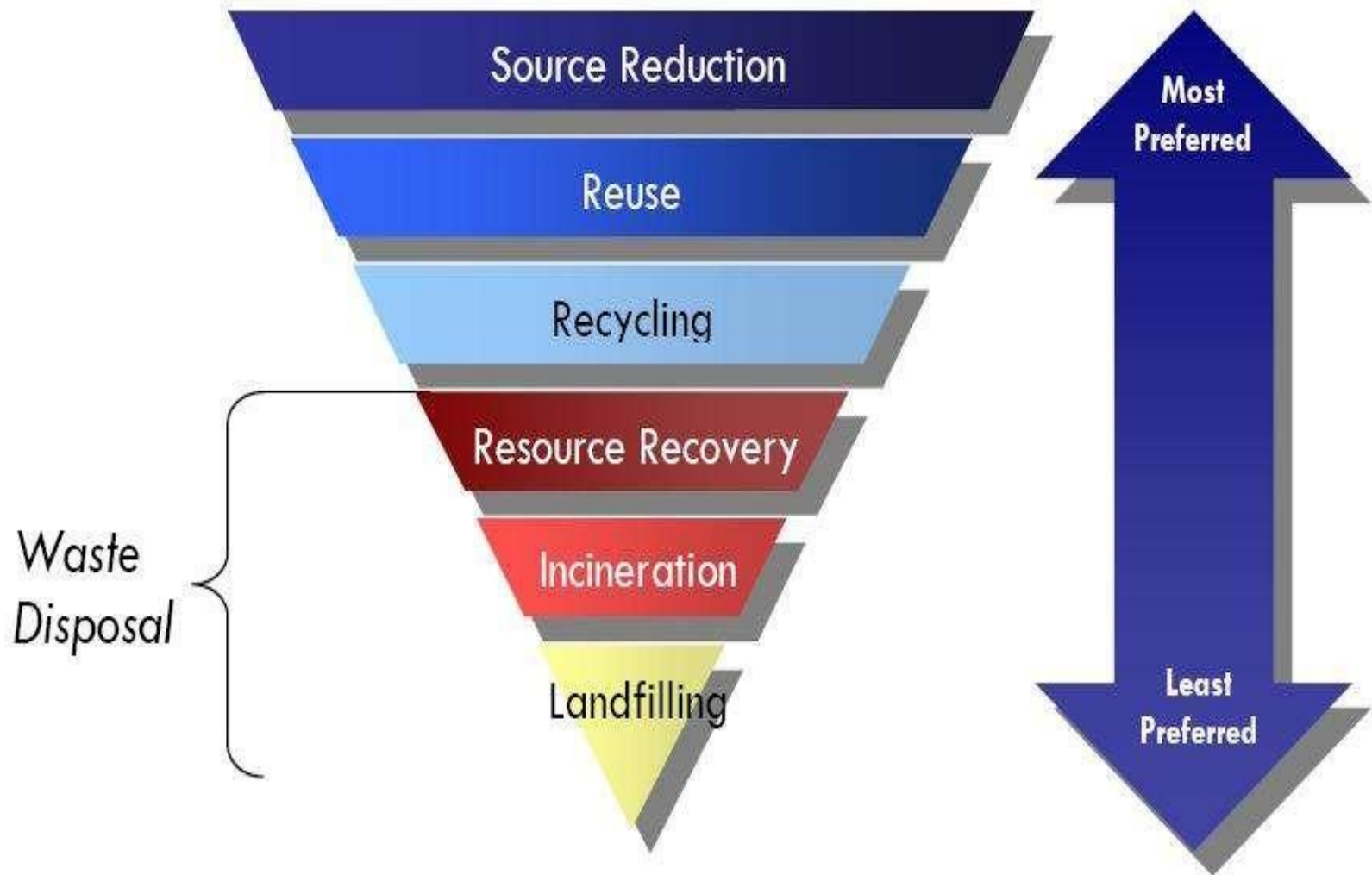
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Treatment and disposal of solid waste

Several methods are used for treatment and disposal. These are:

1. Composting
2. Incineration
3. Landfilling
4. Pyrolysis
5. Recycling

Figure 3-1. The Solid Waste Management Hierarchy



Composting

- It is a process in which organic matter of solid waste is decomposed and converted to humus and mineral compounds.
- Compost is the end product of composting, which used as fertilizer.
- Three methods of composting:
 - (a) composting by trenching
 - (b) open windrow composting
 - (c) mechanical composting

Composting by trenching

- Trenches 3 – 12 m long, 2 – 3 m wide and 1- 2 m deep with spacing 2 m.
- Dry wastes are filled up in 15 cm. On top of each layer 5 cm thick sandwiching layer of animal dung is sprayed in semi liquid form.
- Biological action starts in 2- 3 days and decomposition starts.
- Solid waste stabilize in 4- 6 months and changed into brown colored odorless powdery form known as humus.



Open windrow

composting

- Large materials like broken glass, stone, plastic articles are removed.
- Remaining solid wastes is dumped on ground in form of piles of 0.6 – 1 m height.
- The width and length of piles are kept 1- 2 m and 6 m respectively.
- Moisture content maintained at 60%.
- Temp. increases in side pile.
- After pile for turned for cooling and aeration to avoid anaerobic decomposition.
- The complete process may take 4- 6 week.



Mechanical composting

- It requires small area compare to trenching and open windrow composting.
- The stabilization of waste takes 3- 6 days.
- The operation involved are
 - reception of refuse
 - segregation
 - shredding
 - stabilization
 - marketing the humus

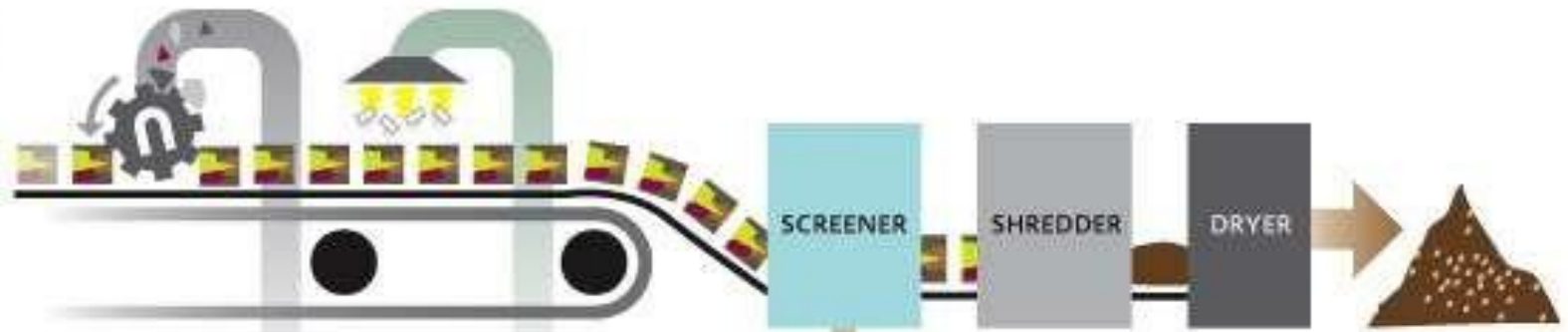
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5% METALS

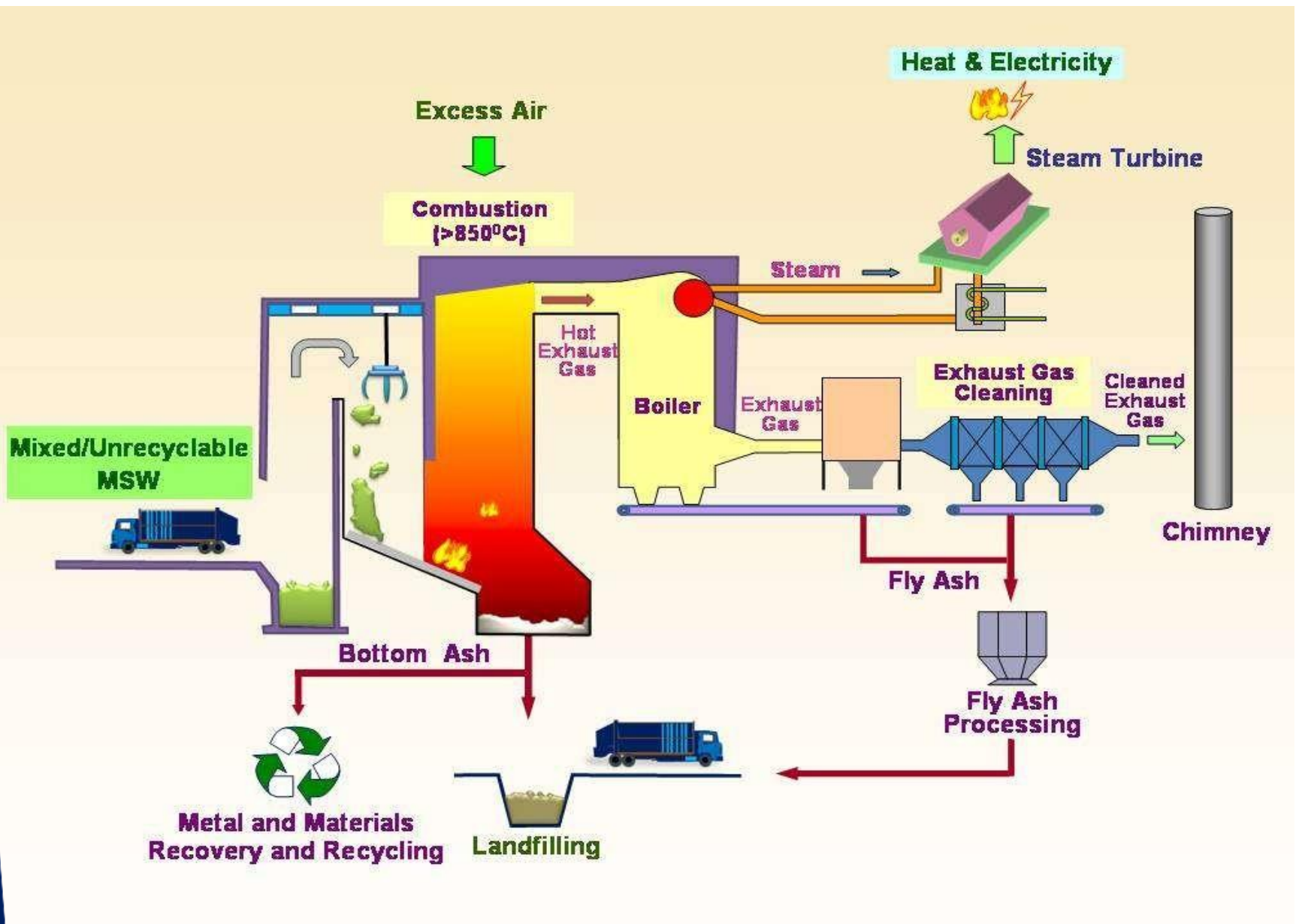


10% TO LANDFILL

85% TO GASIFIER
• PULP/PAPER
• PLASTIC
• ORGANIC MATERIAL

Incineration

- Incineration is a waste treatment process that involves the combustion of organic substances contained in waste materials.
- Incineration and other high temperature waste treatment systems are described as "thermal treatment".
- Incineration of waste materials converts the waste into ash, flue gas, and heat.
- Incinerators are used for this process.



Important points regarding incineration

- Supplying of solid waste should be continuous.
- Waste should be properly mixed with fuel for complete combustion.
- Temp. should not be less than 670 °C.

Advantages

- Most hygienic method.
- Complete destruction of pathogens.
- No odor trouble.
- Heat generated may be used for steam power.
- Clinkers produced may be used for road construction.
- Less space required.
- Adverse weather condition has no effect.

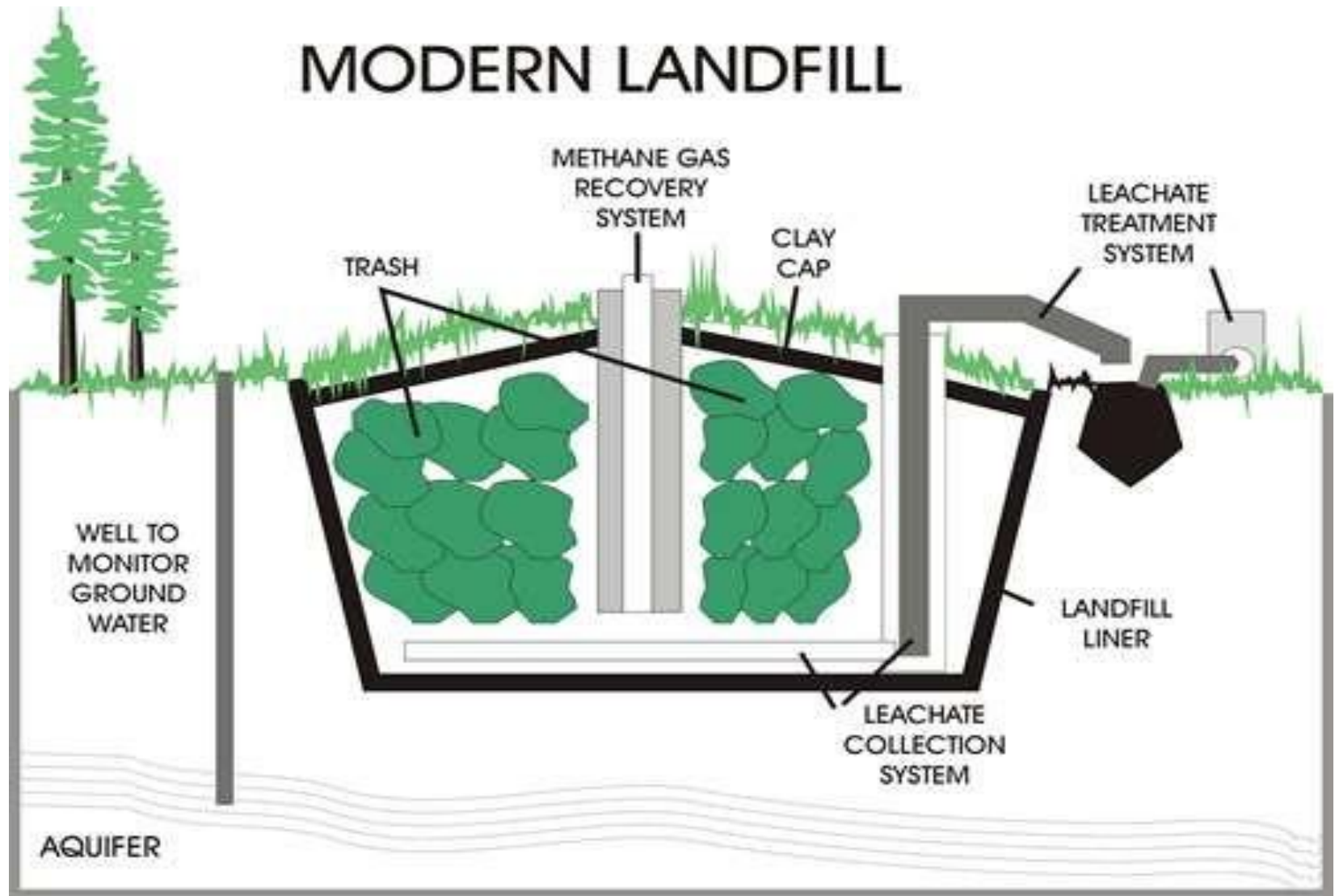
Disadvantages

- Large initial expense.
- Care and attention required otherwise incomplete combustion will increase air pollution.
- Residues required to be disposed which require money.
- Large no of vehicles required for transportation.

Landfilling

- A landfill site is a site for the disposal of waste materials by burial and is the oldest form of waste treatment.
- Historically, landfills have been the most common methods of organized waste disposal and remain so in many places around the world.
- The dumping is done with layers of 1- 2 m.
- The layer is covered with soil of 20 cm thickness.

MODERN LANDFILL



Advantages

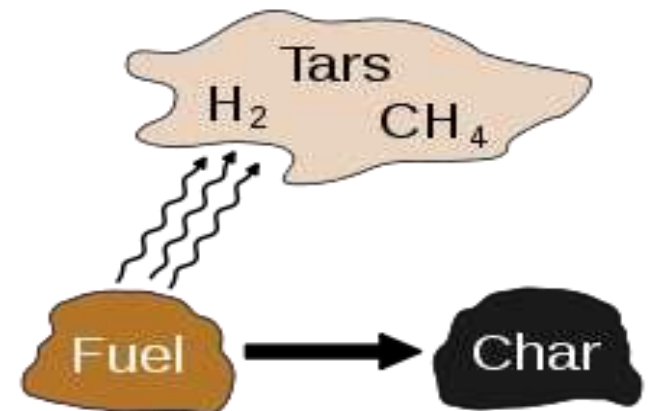
- Simple method.
- No costly plant required.
- No residues or by products need to be disposed.
- Separation not required.
- Unused land can be used.
- Methane gas can be used as fuel.

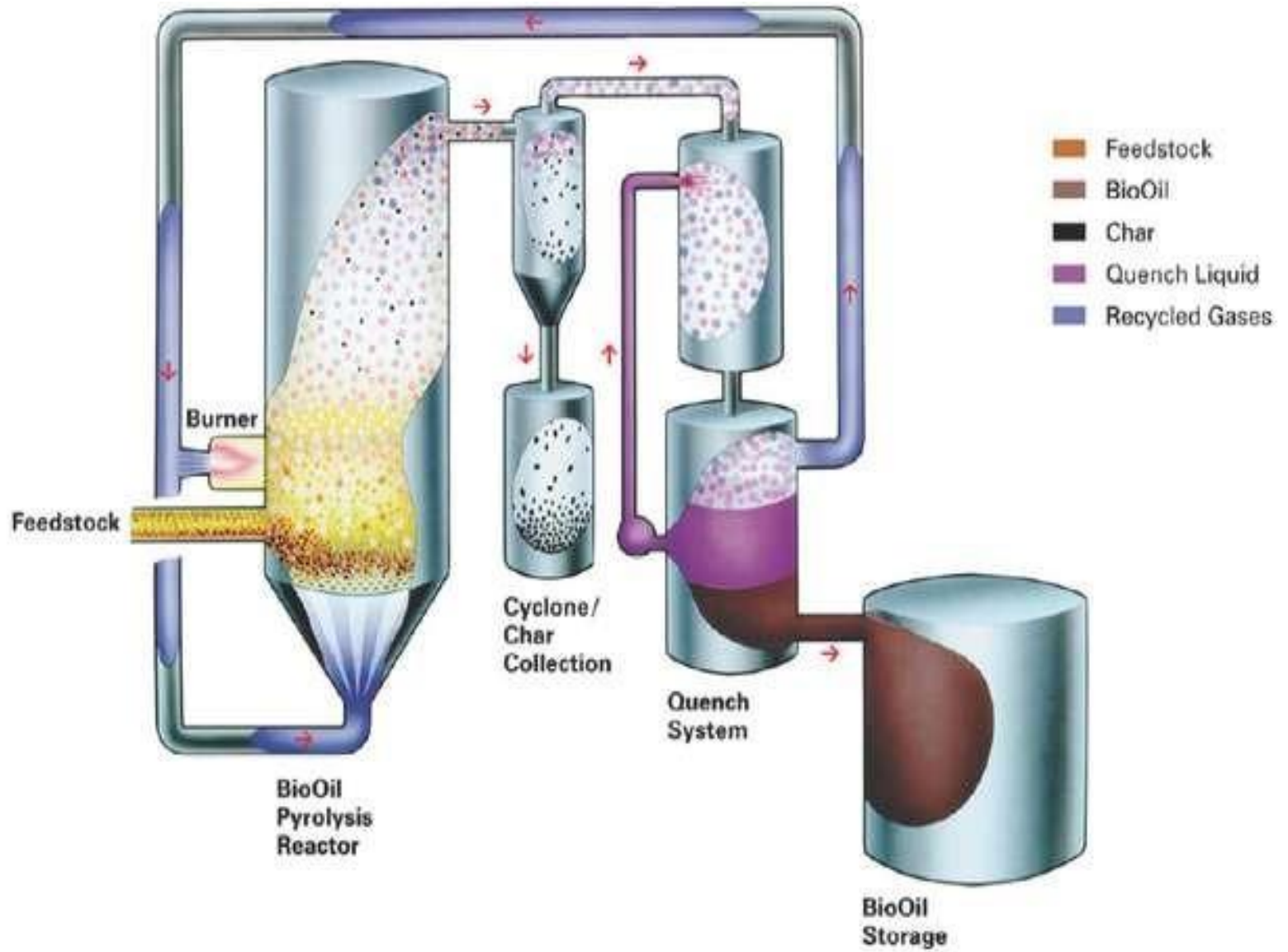
Disadvantages

- Large land required.
- Proper dumping site may not be available.
- Odor problem.
- Use of insecticides required.
- Leachate should be collected regularly.
- Methane gas should be collected properly.
- Green house gas problem.

Pyrolysis

- Heating of the solid waste at very high temp. in absence of air.
- Carried out at temp. between 500 °C – 1000 °C.
- Gas, liquid and chars are the by products.





Recycling

- Recycling is processing used materials into new products .
- It reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution (from incineration) and water pollution (from landfilling).
- Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction and is the third component of the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" waste hierarchy.

- Recyclable materials include many kinds of glass, paper, metal, plastic, textiles, and electronics.
- Although similar in effect, the composting or other reuse of biodegradable waste – such as food or garden waste – is not typically considered recycling.
- Materials to be recycled are either brought to a collection centre or picked up from the curbside, then sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed into new materials.

WASTE RECYCLING

