

Resources Matter! Moving Towards Zero Waste

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THE WASTE HIERARCHY

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

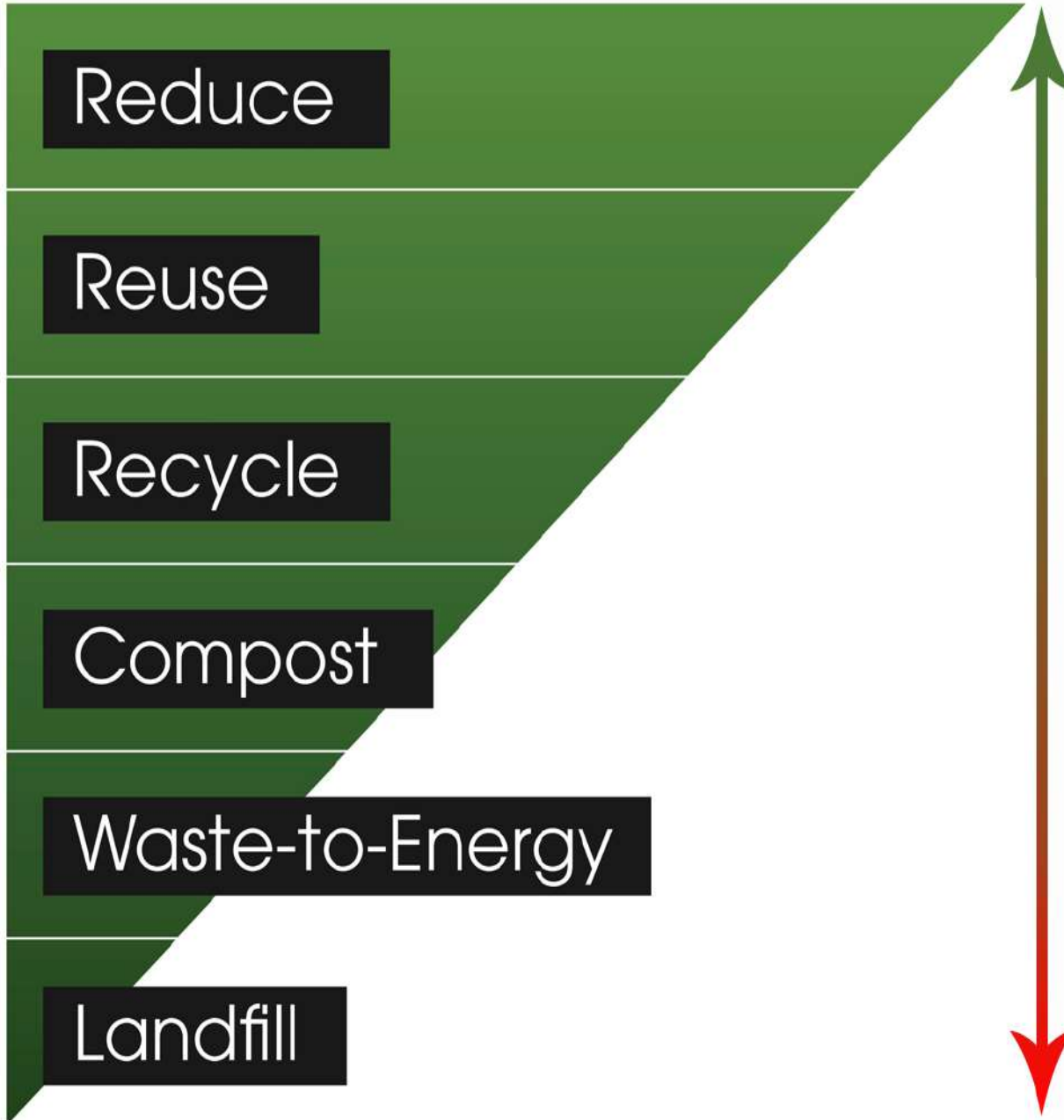
Compost

Waste-to-Energy

Landfill

Most
Desirable

Least
Desirable



I. Support with Municipal Contracts

- Request For Proposals (RFP)
- Attend Bid Meetings
- Provisions to request in new contract

2. Community Programs for Residents

- *Electronics*
- *Document Destruction Events*
- *Holiday Lights Recycling*
- *Pharmaceutical and Sharps Disposal*
- *Fluorescent Bulbs Recycling*
- *Household Chemical Waste/Paint*
- *Textiles (drop-off/curbside)*
- *Other programs and events*

3. Educational Programs & Resources



Reuse, Recycling,
& Disposal Directory



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CHOOSE THESE... INSTEAD OF THESE

REUSABLE
CUP



METAL STRAW



REUSABLE
BOTTLE



CANVAS
BAG



REUSABLE

VS

SINGLE USE

TAKEAWAY
COFFEE CUP



PLASTIC
WATER
BOTTLE



PLASTIC
STRAWS



PLASTIC BAG



Curbside Recycling Guidelines

**Materials go in cart LOOSE!
Empty, Rinse, & Clean!**



Plastic Containers
Bottles, Tubs, Jugs and
Jars - Re-cap lids!
(No #6 PS)



Glass Containers
Bottles & Jars



Metal
Steel & Aluminum
Containers and Foil



**Paper, Cartons,
& Cardboard**
Office, Newspaper,
Magazines,
& Cardboard (Flatten)

Verify details with your community's recycler!

Do Not Put in Recycling Carts!



**No Electronics
or Sharps**



**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**



**No Food, Liquids,
Diapers, or
Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing
or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires,
or Hangers**

Check SWANCC's *Recycling Directory* for outlets for some of these materials.



4. Policy

- State-wide Laws – Electronics (2012), Landscape (1990)
- Advocated for Food Organics Composting (2010)
- Lobbyists in Springfield
- IL Product Stewardship Council
 - *Carpet, Paint, Sharps, Plastic Bags, and more*
- Illinois Food Scrap Coalition
- SWANA IRA ILCSWMA
- Serve on the Wasted Food Solutions Task Force
- Serve on the IL Task Force for Recycling Contamination

Thank You...
For Being Part of the
Solution!



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