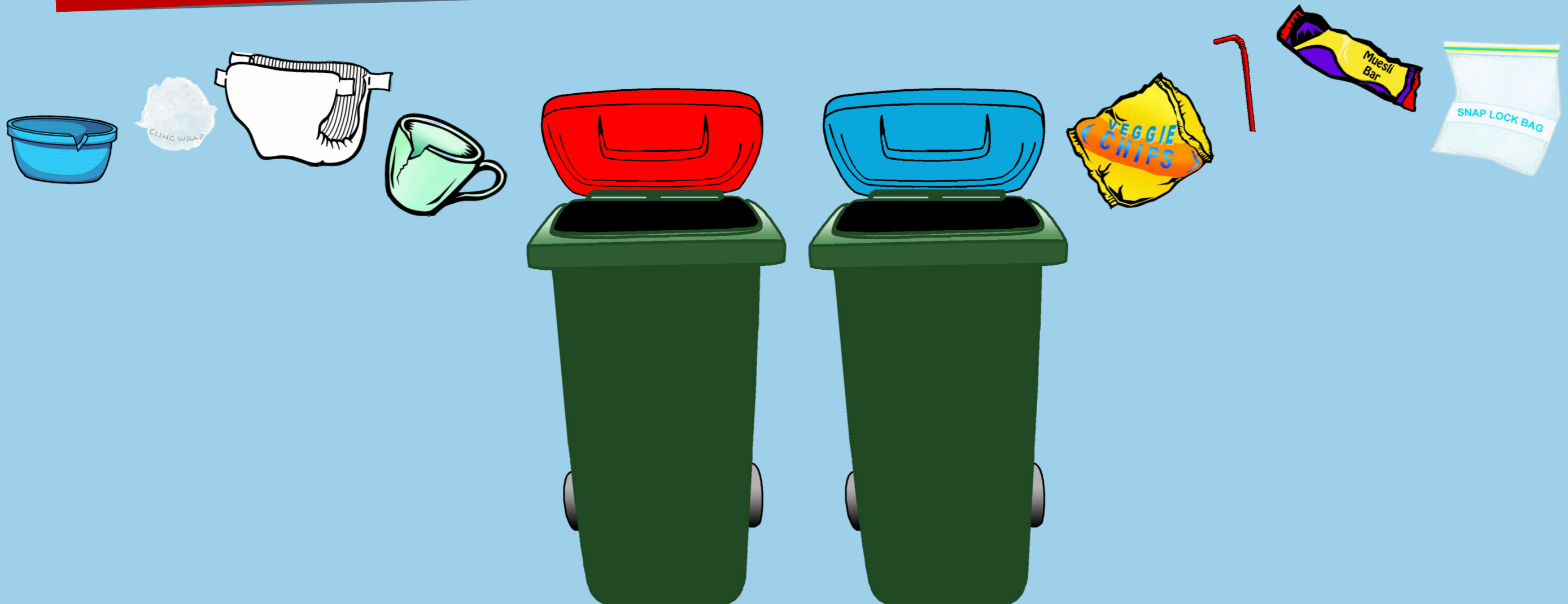


What Happens to Waste?

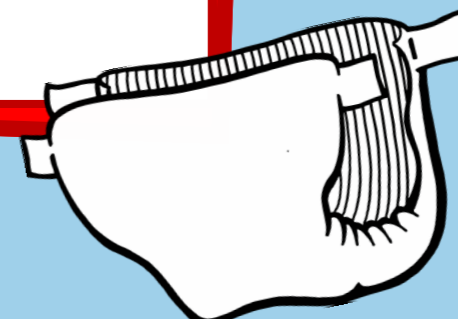


Waste is what we might call things we can no longer use.

Some items that go into the waste bin are:

- 🗑️ food wrappers
- 🗑️ straws
- 🗑️ cling wrap
- 🗑️ nappies
- 🗑️ snap lock bags.

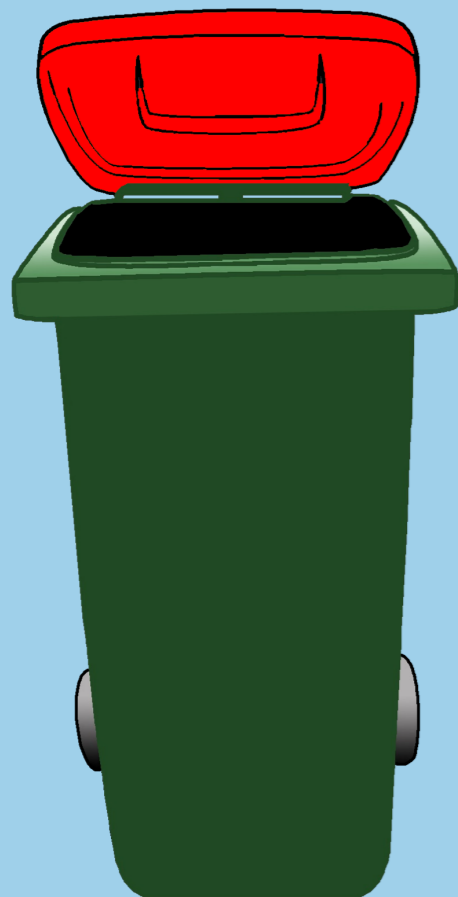
What do we do with waste items?



We put waste items in our waste bin.
The waste bin might have a **red** or **blue** lid.



This bin is also called the **landfill** bin.
Landfill is the name of the place
where our waste is taken.



When the **landfill** bin is full, it is put out on the kerb.



A truck picks up the bin and tips the waste into the truck.

When the truck is full, it is emptied at a Waste Transfer Station. The waste is crushed so that it takes up less space.



The waste is then put into bigger trucks and taken to a **landfill**.



This is what a **landfill** looks like from the sky! **Landfills** are very big and usually a long way from where people live. The trucks drive to a **landfill** and tip out the waste.

This is a truck tipping out the waste at a **landfill**.

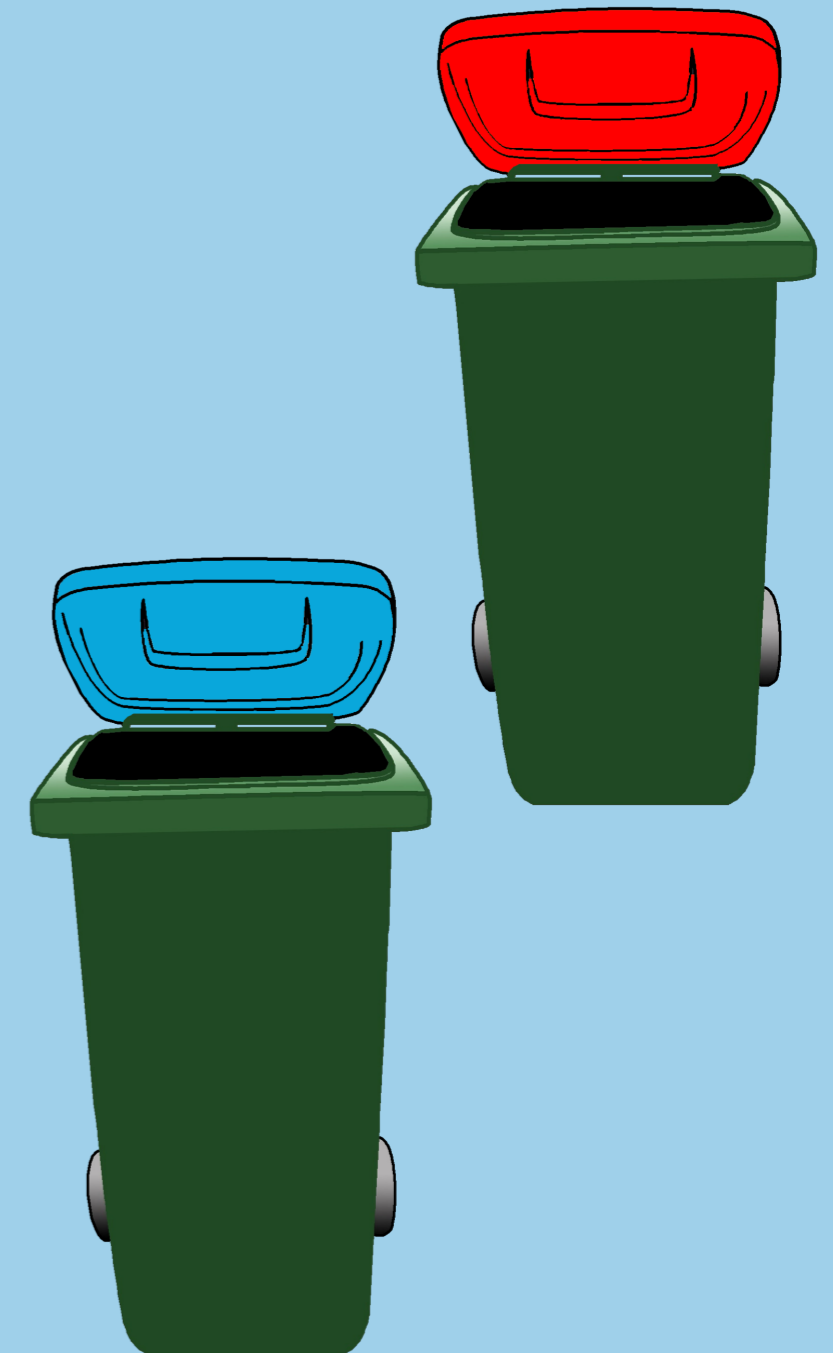


When the **waste** is tipped out of the truck, it is crushed again.



This is what a **landfill** looks like up close.

Remember, this material has come from our **red** or **blue**-lidded bins.

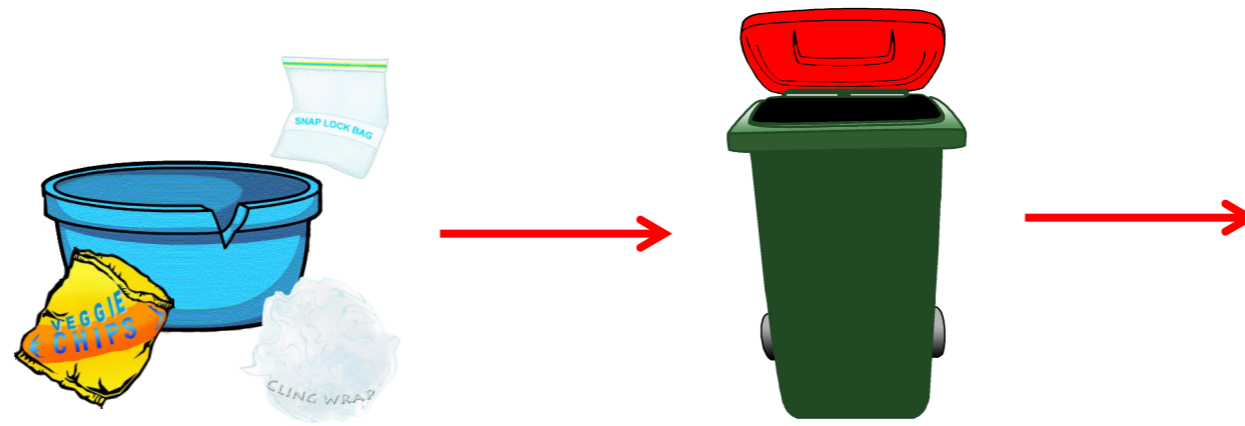


Everything we put in our **red** or **blue**-lidded bin will go to a **landfill** and be buried. It is a big waste if we put things into our **landfill** bin that can be **recycled**, **composted** or **reused**.



Can you see anything here that didn't have to go to **landfill**?

Sending materials to landfill is not part of a cycle.



It's easy to help look after our environment!

We can:

REFUSE or *AVOID* making waste and say 'NO' to buying things that we don't need.

REDUCE waste by putting food and drinks into containers that we can use again or recycle.

REUSE items like a jar or box to put things in.

RECYCLE bottles, paper, cardboard and cans so they will be made into new things.

COMPOST things like food scraps, lawn clippings, branches, leaves and flowers, to make compost for the garden.