

- * odor
- * pathogen content
- * salt concentration
- * Ammonia production

Module-2

Waste Generation

It includes those activities in which materials are identified no longer being of value and are either thrown away or gathered together for disposal. The generation rate of household waste are usually expressed in kg/person/day.

Factors affecting generation rate

- * **Geographic location**
It can influence both the amount of certain types of solid wastes generated and the collection operation
- * **Season**
It has implications for the quantities and composition of certain types of solid waste. Moisture content also varies.
- * **Collection frequencies**
A general observation is that in localities where there are ultimate collection services more wastes are collected but it doesn't mean that more wastes are generated.
- * **Population diversities**
The characteristics of population influence the quantity and composition of waste generated. The amount of waste generated is more in low income area compared to high income area.
- * **Extent of salvaging and recycling**

* Public attitude

Significant reduction in the quantity of solid waste is possible if people are willing to change on their own volition, their habits and life style to conserve natural resources & to reduce economic burden associated with management of solid waste.

* Legislation

This refers to existence of local and state regulations concerning the use and disposal of specific materials.

Characteristics of MSW

1. composition of identifiable items
2. Moisture content
3. particle size
4. chemical composition
5. Heat value
6. Density
7. Mechanical properties
8. Biodegradability

1. composition by identifiable items

The readily identifiable items in solid waste are paper, plastic, foodwaste, glass items, leather, textile, e-waste

- * The waste composition can be estimated by using either ilp method or olp method. The ilp method of estimating solid waste generation is applicable where the ilp fig. can be obtained from specialised agencies which routinely collect and publish industry wide data whereas olp method followed by sampling study is the most reliable method.

ilp → ilp fig.
olp → sampling study

The composition of waste can be found by manual sampling or photogrammetry.

- * waste composition can be found out by material flow methodology and source specific approach

Material Flow Methodology:

Here the mass of material entering the waste stream are estimated from the amount of materials predicted to be discarded based on the amount of materials produced thus the magnitude of waste can be estimated by product statistics.

Source specific Approach:

Here the mass of waste is estimated from the actual waste that has been produced

Moisture content

$$M = \frac{\text{Wet-dry}}{\text{dry wt}} \times 100$$

- Moisture content of solid waste is the weight loss expressed as % when a sample of solid waste is dried to a constant weight @ a temp. of 100-105°C.
- Moisture content has greater influence on heat of combustion as well as in the biological process of organic matter.
- Moisture content depends upon the organic matter, the type of source, weather or climatic condition etc.

Q₁ A residential waste has the following component.

- Paper 50%
- Glass 20%
- Food 20%
- Yard waste 10%

Estimate its moisture content assume the wet wt of given sample as 100 kg.

Component	Percent	Moisture (per)	Dry wt (Ans)
Paper	50	6	$(100-6) \times 0.50 = 47$
Glass	20	2	$(100-2) \times 0.2 = 19.6$
Food	20	70	$(100-70) \times 0.2 = 6$
Yard waste	10	60	$40 \times 0.1 = 4$
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			$\Sigma d = 76.6$

$$\frac{M-d}{w} \times 100 = \frac{100-76.6}{100} \times 100$$

$$= \underline{\underline{23.4\%}}$$

Moisture content of uncompacted refuse components

Residential

Typical value (%)

⇒ Al can, steel can	3
⇒ cardboard	5
⇒ Fines (dust)	8
⇒ Food waste	70
⇒ Glass	2
⇒ Grass, yard waste	60
⇒ Leaves	30
⇒ Leather, textiles	10
⇒ Paper	6
⇒ Plastic, rubber	2
⇒ wood	20

Commercial

⇒ Food waste	70
⇒ construction (mixed)	8
⇒ mixed commercial	15
⇒ wood crates, pallets	20

3 Particle Size

The size distribution of solid waste component is important for improving the rate of chemical reaction and for the recovery of materials. It is difficult to characterize because of waste heterogeneity. The size of waste component may be defined by following equations.

$$S_c = l$$

$$S_c = \frac{l+w}{2}$$

$$S_c = \frac{l+w+h}{3}$$

$$S_c = (lw)^{1/2}$$

$$S_c = (lwh)^{1/3}$$

S_c

S_c → size of component

l → length

w → width

h → height

When the mixture of particle is non-uniform, the particle size is often expressed in terms of mean particle dia

Arithmetic Mean:

$$AM, D_A = \frac{D_1 + D_2 + D_3 + \dots + D_n}{n}$$

Geometric Mean:

$$GM, D_G = \sqrt[n]{D_1 D_2 D_3 \dots D_n}$$

Weighted Mean:

$$WM, D_w = \frac{W_1 D_1 + W_2 D_2 + \dots + W_n D_n}{W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n}$$

Number Mean

$$NM, D_N = \frac{H_1 D_1 + H_2 D_2 + \dots + H_n D_n}{H_1 + H_2 + \dots + H_n}$$

where

$n \rightarrow$ no. of discrete classification (sieves)

$N \rightarrow$ wt in each "

$H \rightarrow$ NO. of particle "

Q2. consider non spherical particle that are uniformly sized

ds length = 2

width = 0.5

Ht = 0.5

calculate particle diameter by the various definition

$$\begin{aligned} * S_c &= \frac{l+w+h}{3} \\ &= \frac{2+1}{3} = \underline{\underline{1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * S_c &= l \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$* S_c = \frac{l+w}{2} = \frac{2+0.5}{2} = 1.25$$

$$* S_c = (lw)^{1/2} = (2 \times 0.5)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$* S_c = (lwh)^{1/3} = (2 \times 0.5 \times 0.5)^{1/3} = 0.79$$

Q Surface Area Mean

$$D_s = \frac{M_1 D_1^3 + M_2 D_2^3 + \dots}{M_1 D_1^2 + M_2 D_2^2 + \dots}$$

Volume mean

$$D_v = \frac{M_1 D_1^4 + M_2 D_2^4 + \dots}{M_1 D_1^3 + M_2 D_2^3 + \dots}$$

Q3 Given the following analysis

Particle Dia (mm) D	60	40	20	5
wt of each fractn (kg) W	2	10	5	4
NO. of particle M	140	300	1000	2000

a) calculate AM, GM, WM, NM, D_s , DV

Ans

$$AM = \frac{D_1 + D_2}{n}$$

$$= \frac{60 + 40 + 20 + 5}{4} = 31.25 \text{ mm}$$

$$GM = \sqrt[4]{D_1 D_2} = \sqrt[4]{60 \times 40 \times 20 \times 5} = 39.85 \text{ mm}$$

$$WM = \frac{W_1 D_1 + W_2 D_2}{N}$$

$$= \frac{(2 \times 60) + (10 \times 40) + (5 \times 20) + (4 \times 5)}{2 + 10 + 5 + 4} = 30.47 \text{ mm}$$

$$NM = \frac{M_1 D_1 + M_2 D_2}{M}$$

$$= \frac{(140 \times 60) + (300 \times 40) + (1000 \times 20) + (2000 \times 5)}{140 + 300 + 1000 + 2000} = 11.65 \text{ mm}$$

$$D_s = \frac{M_1 D_1^3 + M_2 D_2^3}{M_1 D_1^2 + M_2 D_2^2}$$

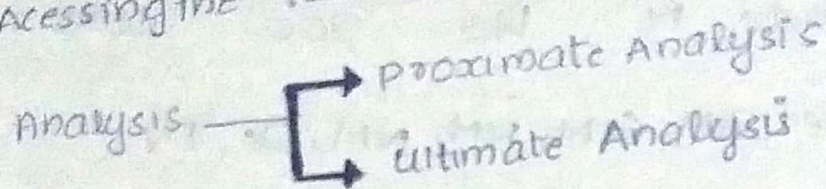
$$= \frac{140 \times 60^3 + 300 \times 40^3 + (1000 \times 20^3) + (2000 \times 5^3)}{(140 \times 60^2) + (300 \times 40^2) + (1000 \times 20^2) + (2000 \times 5^2)}$$

$$= 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$DV = \frac{M_1 D_1^4 + M_2 D_2^4}{M_1 D_1^3 + M_2 D_2^3} = 47.4 \text{ mm}$$

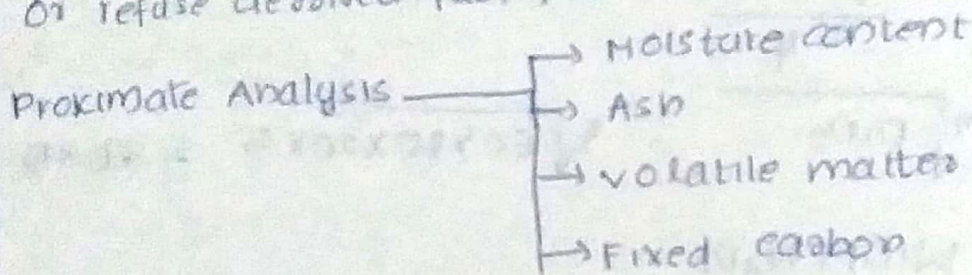
4 chemical composition

- chemical properties are imp for improving the leach properties and ground water contamination
- Evaluating alternating, solid waste processing and recovery options
- ~~Evat~~ Information about trace element
- Accessing the feasibility of MSW combustion



a) Proximate Analysis:

It is imp for analysis combustn properties of waste or refuse derived fuel.



- * Moisture content :- Add wt to the waste without increasing its heating value and Evaporatⁿ of water reduces the heat released from the fuel.
- * Ash :- Add wt without generating heat during combustion
- * Volatile matter :- It is that portion of waste which is converted to gases before and during combustion. Fixed carbon represents the carbon
- * Fixed carbon :- represent the carbon remaining on solid as charcoal. A waste with high proportion of fixed carbon require a longer retention time on the furnace to achieve complete combustion or than a waste with low proportion of fixed carbon.

b) Ultimate Analysis

It is defined as total elemental analysis to determine the percentage of element (C, H, O, N, S, ...)

5. Heat Value

$$U = \frac{C_v \Delta T}{M}$$

ΔT - Rise in temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

C_v - Heat capacity of calorimeter ($\text{cal}/^{\circ}\text{C}$)

M - Mass of unknown material

It has importance in resource recovery

Q. A 15g sample of mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) is combusted in a calorimeter having the heat capacity of 8750 $\text{cal}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The temp increase on combustion is 2.75 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Calculate the heat value of the substance.

Ans

$$M = 15\text{g}$$

$$C_v = 8750 \text{ cal}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T = 2.75^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$U = \frac{C_v \Delta T}{M} = \frac{8750 \times 2.75}{15} = 1604.16 \text{ cal/g}$$

Refuse can be characterised as being made up of organic materials, inorganic materials and water. It can be expressed as moisture free or moisture and ash free

* Heat value in dry basis (kJ/kg)

$$= \text{Heat value as discarded } (\text{kJ}/\text{kg}) \times \frac{100}{100 - \% \text{ moisture}}$$

* Heat value in ash free dry basis kJ/kg

$$\text{Heat value as discarded } (\text{kJ}/\text{kg}) \times \frac{100}{100 - \% \text{ moisture} - \% \text{ ash}}$$

ans. $Cl = \frac{C_v \Delta T}{M}$

$C_v = 8750 \text{ cal/g}$

$\Delta T = 275^\circ\text{C}$

$M = 15 \text{ g}$

$= \frac{8750 \times 275}{15}$

$= 160416.7 \text{ cal/g}$

Refuse can be characterised as being made up of organic materials, inorganic materials (e.g. curbs). It can be expressed as ^{either of the} moisture free or moisture and ash free.

(1) Heat value in dry basis (KJ/kg)

= Heat value as discarded (KJ/kg) $\times \left(\frac{100}{100 - \% \text{ moisture}} \right)$

(2) Heat value in ash free dry basis (KJ/kg)

= Heat value as discarded (KJ/kg) $\times \left(\frac{100}{100 - \% \text{ moisture} - \% \text{ ash}} \right)$

Q A sample of refuse is analysed and found to contain 10% of curbs. The Btu of the entire mixture is measured in a calorimeter and is found to be 4000 Btu/lb (lb = pound). The sample is placed in the calorimeter and 0.5g ash remains in the sample cup after combustion. What is the comparable moisture free Btu and moisture and ash free heat value.

ans. dry basis = $4000 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - 10} \right)$

= 4444 Btu/lb

ash free dry basis = $4000 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - 10 - 20} \right)$ (0.5g = 20%)

= 5114 Btu/lb

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6. Density:

Density varies depending on the composition of wastes and it will be higher in organic wastes (e.g. leaves in commercial wastes containing mainly paper (e.g. cardboard). It is important for selection of waste collection equipment. Usually it will increase by amount 20-25% during transportation.

eg:

House wastes garbage - 90-150 kg/m³

Pushed into a can - 180 kg/m³

collection truck - 350-400 kg/m³

Landfill → machine compaction → 700 kg/m³

→ 1/3 each layer of refuse is compacted = 1000 kg/m³

Q Determine the avg. density (e.g. moisture content) of MSE for a typical intercity.

Description	% by wt.	typical density kg/m ³	Moisture content %
Food wastes	39.5	290	70
Yard wastes	3.8	240	60
Paper	0.85	85	6
Plastic	0.7	65	2
Glass/ceramics	0.5	195	2
Metal	0.65	160	2
Textile	2	65	8
Leather	0.5	160	10
Stones/brick	40.5	480	10
Miscellaneous	9	240	8

Dry wgt.

$$(100-70) \times 39.5 = 11.85$$

1.52

0.799

0.686

0.49

0.637

1.84

2.25

36.45

Density of MSW

$$\frac{\text{typical density} \times \%}{100} = 114.55$$

$$240 \times 0.038 = 9.12$$

0.7225

0.455

0.975

1.04

1.3

4

194.4

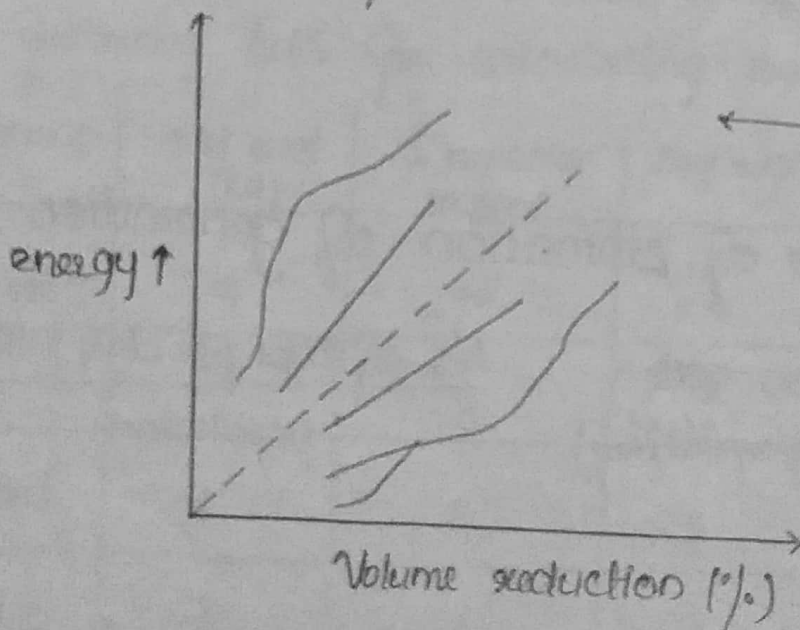
$$\frac{8.08}{\text{Ed}} = \underline{64.802}$$

$$\frac{21.6}{\text{Edensity}} = \underline{348.162}$$

$$\text{Moisture content} = \frac{\omega - d}{\omega} \times 100 = \frac{100 - 64.802}{100} \times 100 = \underline{35.198\%}$$

$$\text{Avg. density of MSW} = \underline{348.1625 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

7. Mechanical properties:



← Graph shows compressive characteristics of MSW.

The curves tends to be mostly linear indicating that substantial vol. reduction can be achieved by extending greater energy in compaction.

8.

3/10/20 Methods of estimation of generation rate:

$$\text{Generation rate} \left(\frac{\text{kg/capita/day}}{\text{m}^3} \right) = \frac{\text{No. of trips per day} \times \text{Vol.} \times \text{density} \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right)}{\text{population}}$$

Q. The student population of high school is 881 the school has 30 std. class rooms. Assuming a 5 day school week with solid waste pickups on wednesday & Friday before school starts in morning. Determine the size of storage containers required. Assuming the waste generation rate 0.11 kg/capita/day & 3.6 kg/m³ Density of waste 120 kg/m³ & the standard containers are 1.5 m³, 2.3 m³, 3 m³ & 4.6 m³.

ans. Total waste production = $(0.11 \times 881) + (3.6 \times 30)$
 $= \underline{204.91 \text{ kg/day}}$

Total volume of waste = $\frac{204.91}{120} = \underline{1.71 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}}$

Since, the max. storage period is 3 days (Fri, Mon, Tue)

\therefore Total vol. of waste = $1.71 \times 3 = \underline{5.13 \text{ m}^3}$

One solⁿ to this would be 1 container of 3 m^3 & 3 m^3 .

Q Description	wt (%)	Typical density kg/m ³	Moisture content (%)	Vol = $\frac{\text{wt}}{\text{density}}$
Food waste	39.5	290	70	0.136
Yard waste	3.8	240	60	0.158
Paper	0.85	85	6	0.01
Plastic	0.7	65	2	0.011
Glass	0.5	195	2	2.564×10^{-3}
Metal	0.65	160	2	4.062×10^{-3}
Textiles	2	65	8	0.031
Leather	2.5	16	10	0.156
Stones	40.5	480	10	0.084
Miscellaneous	9	240	8	0.037

$\Sigma \text{wt} = 100$

$\Sigma \text{V} = \underline{0.3477}$

What is the bulk density of the waste mixture prior to compaction. Assume that the compaction in the cell is 600 kg/m^3 . Estimate the vol reduction as percentage during compaction in the land fill. If food & yard wastes are diverted for composting what is the uncompact bulk density of the remaining waste.

ans Bulk density prior to compaction = $\frac{\text{CDF}}{\text{vol}} = \frac{100}{0.3477}$
 $= \underline{\underline{287.604 \text{ kg/m}^3}}$

The % volume reduction due to compaction

$$= \frac{287.6}{600} \times 100 = \underline{\underline{47.93\%}}$$

When food & yard wastes are removed the uncompact bulk density = $\frac{[100 - (39.5 + 3.6)]}{[0.3477 - (0.136 + 0.160)]}$

Storage of municipal solid waste:

Containers volume:

- 1) Ash : 80 - 188 l
- 2) Rubbish : 200 l
- 3) mixed refuse : 120 - 128 l
- 4) Kitchen waste : 40 l
- 5) Spent oil : 48 - 80 l

4/10/20 Public health & economic aspects of open storage:

- * Wastes gets scattered at the bins
- * Some wastes cannot be recycle
- * Toxic or hazardous waste does not properly collected

* Recycling in ensage condition.

Changes needed:

* Recycling laws for specific times of wastes are to be implemented.

* Processing of waste

* Organize colony wise collection system have to be promoted.

* Investment in recycling sectors.

Q) Determine the chemical composition of the organic fraction of the waste described below with & without water. Use the following table for calculating the composition.

Component	wet wgt (kg)	% moisture content	Dry wgt	C	H	O	N	S	Other
Food waste	9	70	$9 \times 3 = 2.7$	1.3 1.248	0.17 0.17	1.01 0.73	0.07 0.07	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01
Paper	34	6	$34 \times \frac{100-6}{100} = 31.96$	13.9 13.9026	1.92 1.92	14.06 14.06	0.05 0.05	0.06 0.06	0.01 0.01
Cardboard	6	5	5.7	2.51 2.508	0.34 0.34	2.54 2.54	0.02 0.02	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01
Plastics	7	1	6.93	4.16 4.158	0.5 0.5	1.68 1.68	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01
Textiles	2	10	1.8	0.99	0.12	0.56	0.08	0.01	0.01
Rubber	0.5	0	0.5	0.39	0.05		0.01		
Leather	0.5	20	0.4	0.24	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Yard waste	18.5	65	6.475	3.09	0.39	2.46	0.22	0.02	0.02
Wood	2	20	1.6	0.92	0.06	0.63	0.03	0.01	0.01

Component	C	H	O	N	S	Ash
Food waste	0.48	0.064	0.376	0.026	0.004	0.05
wood	0.435	0.06	0.44	0.003	0.002	0.06
cardboard	0.44	0.059	0.446	0.003	0.002	0.05
Plastics	0.60	0.072	0.228			0.10
Textile	0.55	0.066	0.312	0.046	0.002	0.025
Rubber	0.78	0.10		0.02		0.10
leather	0.6	0.08	0.116	0.10	0.004	0.10
Yardwaste	0.478	0.06	0.38	0.034	0.003	0.045
wood	0.495	0.06	0.427	0.002	0.001	0.015

Total wet wgt. = 79.5 kg

Total dry wgt. = 58.065 kg

wgt of water = 79.5 - 58.065 = 21.435 kg

Total C = 27.37 N = 0.539
 H = 3.616 S = 0.11144
 O = 22.95 Ash = 3.483

Chemical composition of organic fraction:

Element	Atomic wgt.	Molar composition.	
		without water	with water
C	12	$(27.37/12) = 2.281$	2.281
H	1	$(3.61/1) = 3.61$	5.993
O	16	$(22.95/16) = 1.434$	2.625
N	14	0.039	0.039
S	32	0.003	0.003

$$\frac{(8.411 \times 10^{-28})}{1}$$

$$\frac{(2.095 \times 10^{-25})}{16}$$

$$\text{amt of hydrogen} = 21.435 \times \frac{2}{18} = 2.380 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{amt of } O_2 \text{ present} = 21.435 \times \frac{16}{18} = \underline{19.053 \text{ kg}}$$