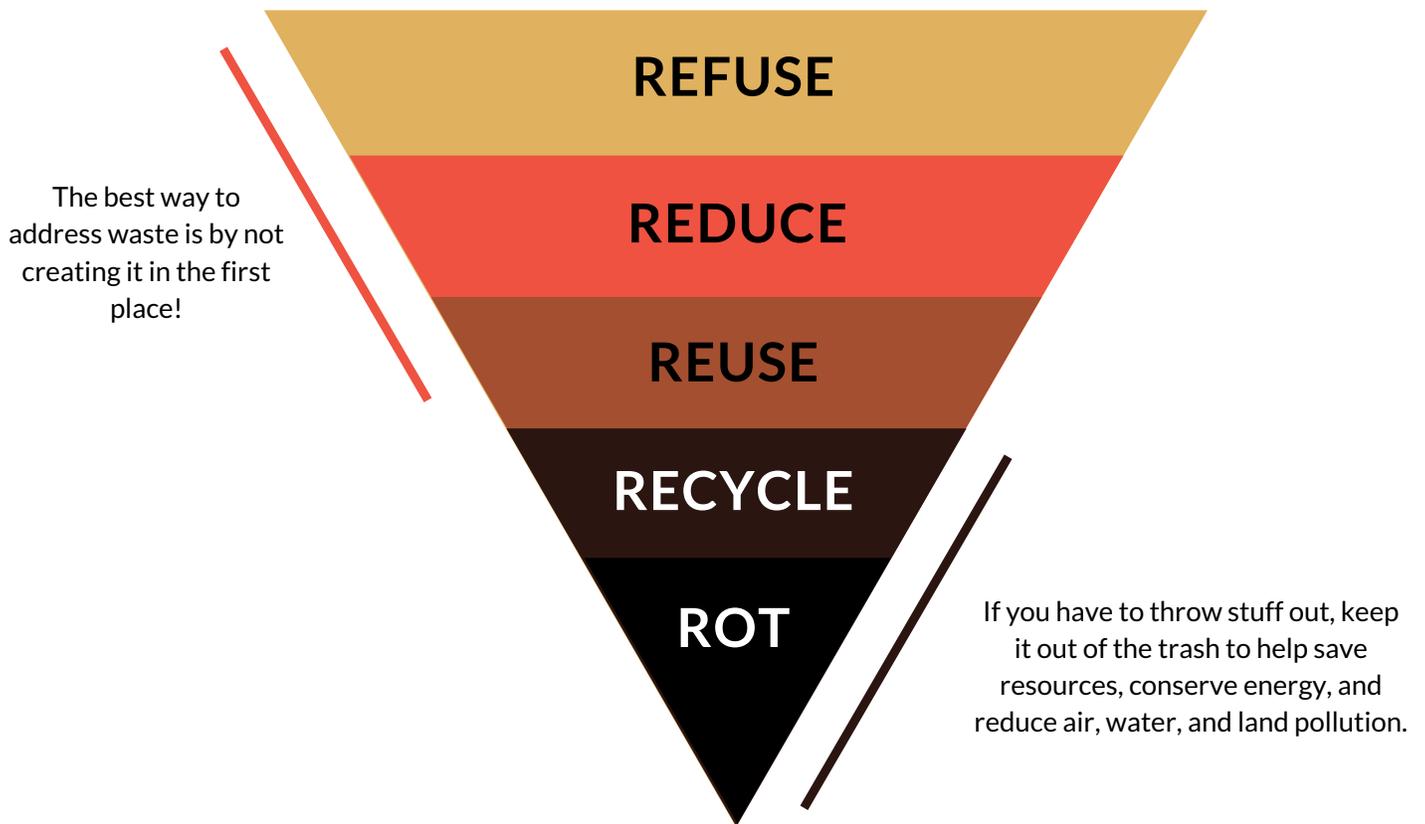


THE 5 Rs OF WASTE

That's right - there's more than just Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
Here are the 5 Rs of waste reduction presented in order of environmental benefit:



Ways you can put the 5 Rs into action:

1. **REFUSE** things you really don't need or will only use for a few minutes. Takeout (plastic) silverware and sauces, event swag, and paper coffee cup lids are really easy to refuse.
2. **REDUCE** the amount of stuff you buy. Consider investing in really well made products instead of cheaper things you'll have to replace more often.
3. **REUSE** things you already have in new ways, trade things with friends and coworkers, or buy used. Get creative with what you have, and donate or resell what you don't need!
4. **RECYCLE** paper, glass, metal, and plastic that you have to throw out. Make sure it's clean, dry, and accepted by Homewood Disposal. *Current market trends and extremely high rates of contamination mean that a lot of completely recyclable material just goes to the landfill anyway, so this the least preferable option.
5. **ROT** (compost) any food waste that you produce to recycle its nutrients back into your garden. If food goes to the landfill, its nutrients will be lost forever AND it will decompose anerobically, creating methane, a greenhouse gas 28 times more powerful than CO₂.



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