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Waste reduction is one of the most important issues in our society nowadays. But, unfortunately it is done in a dangerous, frightening way, by dumping and burning them. Thus, greenhouse gases are increasing and so many pollutants are being released in great amounts. From this point, we should ask the government about the legislations taken by them in addition to the reason behind not taking such issue seriously?

Behind these initial problems stand a lot of reasons. Mainly, the wars that hit Lebanon many years ago, destroyed a lot of companies responsible about recycling, which decreased the amount of recyclable wastes, and increased this number of solid wastes everywhere. In Lebanon, the population is accelerating day after day, and in the absence of a real, clear law, and budget for this problem, the fraction of wastes is accelerating, which harms citizens, nature, and environment. Here, our system started working, they put some laws as Rule 2002, which states on the consequences of pollution caused by the wastes, but it wasn't clear. Also, rule 1998, which defines the basis for environmental protection, but it was general and not clear or detailed. In addition, our system made contracts with many institutions (especially private ones), but such institutions weren't working seriously, and dumping wastes instead of recycling or composting them.

The solution for all these problems, is to put a clear detailed law, obliging recycling upon all. Basically, the great responsibility is upon the shoulders of the government, so they can with the help of social institutions, and civilized people, reach success in solving the problem of wastes. The responsibility of the system is to put a clear detailed law, known by everyone. Also, the social institutions should work to inform the locals about the importance of the environment and about the bad effects of wastes upon us and our society. There is no legislation nowadays, but the main problem is concerned with dumping wastes or burning them, in addition to a solution taken which states upon transforming wastes into thermal energy but it wasn't achieved.