

# GARBOLOGY BASICS

## *What is garbology?*

*-Garbology is the systematic and scientific study of modern waste*

## *How does garbology relate to archaeology?*

*-Garbology is a subtype of archaeology; it uses archaeological methods like surveying, excavation, sorting, categorization, and detailed analysis of collected materials*

## *What can garbology teach us?*

*-How well our municipal waste, recycling, and compost programs are working, and how to improve these programs*

*-Hidden patterns in what we consume, how efficiently we consume, and how our consumption relates to other factors such as social status, wealth, or health*

*-What everyday life is like for hidden segments of society such as homeless Americans, undocumented migrants making border crossings, and the modern urban poor who make a living by collecting, sorting, and selling our waste*



THE UW GARBOLOGY PROJECT

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