WASTE REDUCTION ICEBREAKER

Time needed:
30 minutes

Materials:
- Stickers with name of a type of waste material on them; category first, type second

Set-up:
- Participants get up from their tables and scatter around the perimeter of the room
- Give each person a sticker; ask them not to show anyone else
- Let them pair up in two’s; do not show their sticker to the other person
- Each person sticks their sticker on the other person’s back
- All the waste categories are shown on the marker board or on poster sheets on the wall (draw big circles for each category with title)

Process:
- Once everyone has their sticker, they have to walk around the room and find out what type of waste they are;
  - Participants first ask what waste category they belong to (yard, plastics, etc); i.e. Participant A asks Participant B: Am I metal waste?
- The Participant B being asked can only answer YES or NO, and cannot provide any other information
- When Participant A is finished with his/her question, Participant B gets to ask two question of Participant A
- And so everyone moves around the room, asking two questions per person
- When someone finds out their identity, they confirm with the moderator and post their sticker on the white board or poster sheet under the correct category
- Continue until a majority of people have identified their waste (or for a set time period)
Type of waste, for the stickers:

**Yard Trimmings (13.5%):** 4
- Grass clippings
- Oleander branches
- Weeds
- Mesquite branches

**Food (14.5%):** 4
- Apple core
- ½ eaten sandwich
- Stale chips
- Melon rind

**Paper & Paperboard (27.4%):** 8
- Copy paper
- Colored paper
- Wrapping paper
- Tissues
- Shoe Box
- Cereal Box
- Newspaper
- Pasta Box

**Glass (4.6%):** 1
- Wine Bottle

**Plastics (12.7%):** 4
- Lunchable Tray
- Felt-tipped marker
- Yogurt Carton
- Flip Flops

**Rubber, leather, textiles (8.7%):** 3
- T-shirt
- Tire
- Carpet remnant

**Wood (6.3%):** 2
- Broken shovel handle
- Book case

**Other (3.4%):** 1
- Computer

**Metals (8.9%):** 3
- Coke Can
- Canned Tomato Can
- Broken shovel