

Cycling

- There is no such thing as “waste” in a natural system
- Natural systems recycle everything
- Urine, faecal matter, dead bodies of animals, dead plants, leaves etc are all broken down by decomposers (micro-organisms such as bacteria, fungi etc) to make nutrients available to other organisms
- On earth, elements exist in cycles, passing through the bodies of plants and animals: the carbon cycle, nitrogen cycle etc:



