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## **The Green Carpet**

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**Sub: It is sloppy to sweep dirt under The Green Carpet;  
~~sorting, landfill and composting~~ spoil the environment.  
Waste is an excellent fuel for Incinerators with Heat Recovery  
and disposal through incineration is environment-compatible.**

**The invasion of ~~landfill~~ devotees into our communities late last Century is comparable with the notorious *crusade*, that sparked current monetary crisis; both were propelled by greed. The invasion of ~~landfill~~ devotees was initiated by the greed of those, who *sweep dirt under the Green Carpet at the expense of us fellow citizens*.**

Waste Incinerators with Heat Recovery (WIHR) comply with all regulatory ordinances in force in the European Union (EU) and are environment-compatible. If feasibility calculations for these are based on **rates and tariffs set by Sorpa** (Alfsnes; the Waste ~~Landfill~~ of Reykjavik, the capital) and **Municipal Heating Systems** around the country, they show up as quite profitable. Hence, **waste disposal charges can be reduced** if waste is disposed of by incineration, while, in addition to not being environment-compatible, **~~sorting, landfill and composting~~ increase these charges**. WIHRs produce **4 kWh of heat energy for every kg of waste** they dispose of.

Average temperatures below ground level in Iceland (at ~~landfill~~ levels) hover just a few degrees above freezing point; they are about the same as in the refrigerators in our kitchens. Tenacious plagues—(vernacular names in Icelandic are in brackets behind the scientific names in bold) **swine flu**, **H1N1 virus** (*svinflensa*), **anthrax** (*miltisbrandur*), **tetanus** (*stifkrampi*) and **scrapie** or **Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease** (*rida*)—thrive quite well under these conditions and **the same is of course valid for ~~composting~~**.

A widespread misunderstanding among state and municipal officials in this country has it that separating some materials from waste through ~~sorting~~—paper, plastic, wood—for use as raw materials is feasible. **This is wrong!** It is not feasible, because the fields of activity are small. Moreover, **industrialists avoid ~~sorted~~ materials**; they must be reprocessed at considerable expense and reprocessed materials are **difficult to use**.

Hence; ~~sorted~~ materials are **worthless** and getting rid of them becoming more costly by the day. Subsequently, **~~sorted~~ mountains** build up, like in Germany a few years ago, and **old ~~landfills~~** are contaminating the soil around them. It thus appears that **~~sorted~~ mountains of waste and old ~~landfills~~** (namely; Alfsnes, the largest ~~landfill~~ in Iceland) **will soon have to be dug up and incinerated**, the same way the Germans were forced to do. That would become a **deserved undertaking for an industrious contractor**.