

## Section - 4

### \* Composting -

→ Composting is a natural process that turns organic material into a dark rich substance.

→ This substance, called "compost", or humus, is a wonderful condition for your soil.

→ The organic matter in compost helps soil hold onto nutrients and water, benefiting your plants while reducing the risk of pollution.

→ The decomposition process is aided by shredding the plant matter, adding water and ensuring proper aeration by regularly turning the mixture when open pits or "windows" are used.

→ fungi, earthworms, and other detritivores bacteria and ~~fungi~~ further break up the material.

# Thermal conversion Technologies -

one conversion Technology category is thermal conversion, using heat, with or without oxygen, to turn biomass into energy, like liquid fuels and chemical feedstocks.

→ Included are pyrolysis, gasification and combustion.

→ These methods tend to produce fewer emissions while converting trash into usable energy.

And the thermal processing of solid waste used both for volume reduction and energy recovery is important element of IWMS

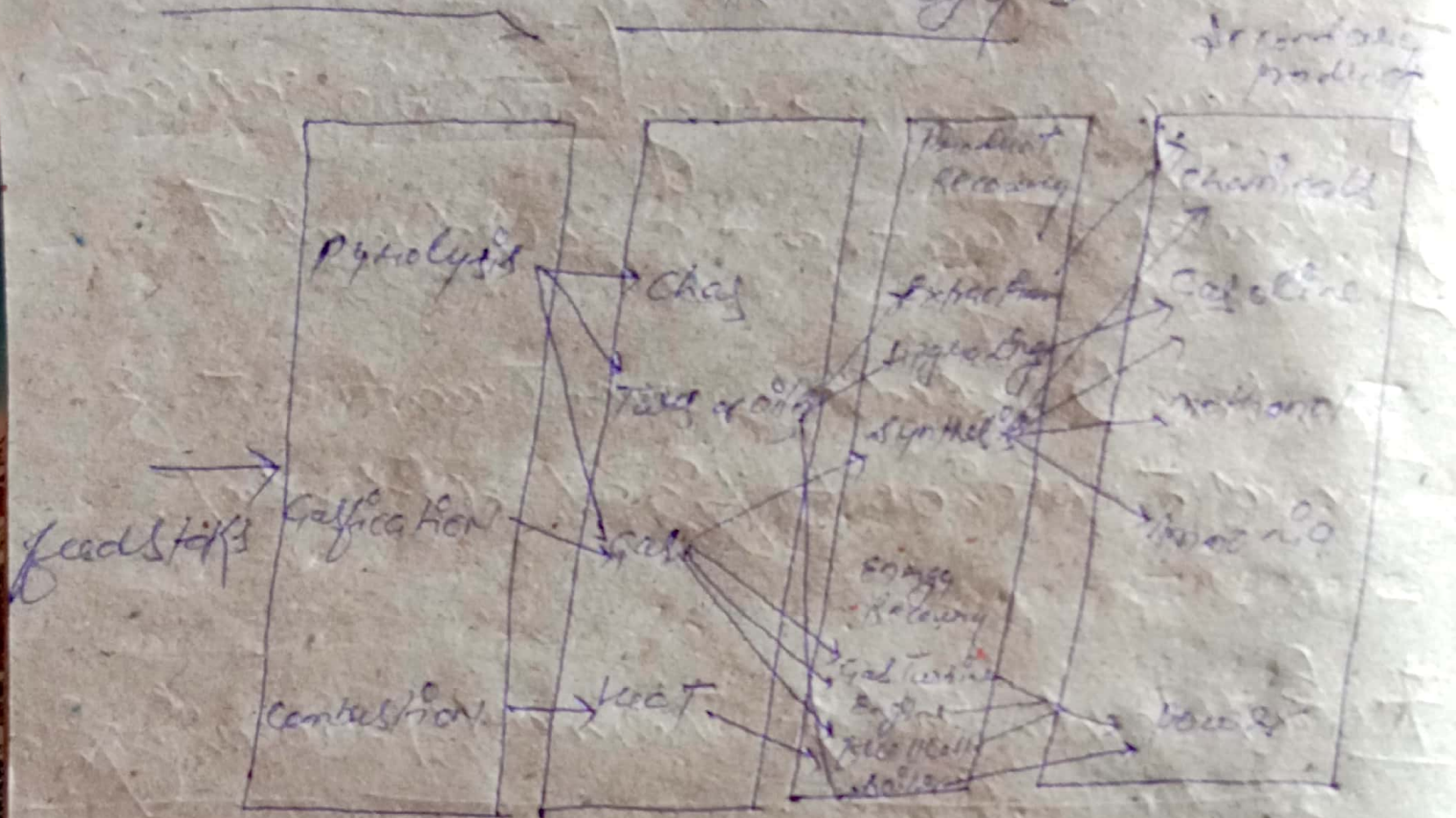
- The Recovery of energy -  
through composting and biogasification
- Thermal Treatment of solid waste  
which is used as pre-treatment of  
waste prior to final disposal.

## \* Fundamentals of Thermal processing -

→ Thermal processing is the conversion  
~~of~~ of solid waste into gaseous,  
liquid and solid conversion products  
with the concurrent or subsequent release  
of heat energy.

→ Thermal processing systems can be  
categorized on the basis of their air  
requirements.

# Thermal Conversion Technology



## Excess air combustion

→ Combustion can be defined as the thermal processing of solid fuel by chemical oxidation with stoichiometric or excess amount of air.

→ Excess air has to be used promote mixing and turbulence, that ensuring that air can reach all parts of the wall.