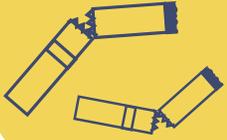


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FOOD WRAPPERS



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PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS



CANS



STRAWS & STIRRERS



PAPERS & CARDBOARD



CUPS, PLATES, CUTLERY



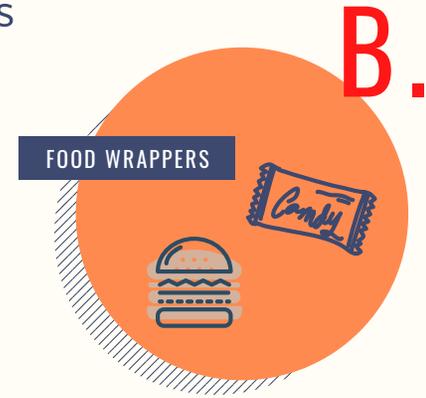
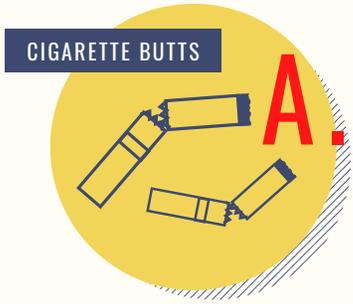
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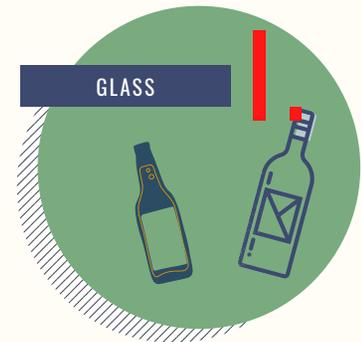
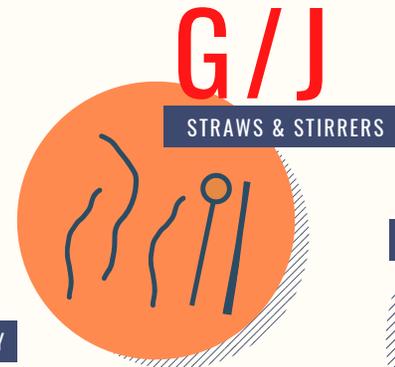
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