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**Solid waste management in households of the Yatiyantota Medical Officer of health area**

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A descriptive cross sectional study was carried out to meet these objectives. The selection of the sample was done using cluster sampling with probability proportionate to size. The study instrument consisted of a structured interviewer administered questionnaire. From each selected household the chief female occupant was interviewed. The study identified the importance of the urgent need to disseminate the 3R concept up to the grass root level. It also highlights the importance of provision of responsible personnel within the existing infrastructure. The most important thing is to disseminate the simple messages on how to change the behavior and attitude of people rather than launching expensive programmes on solid waste management.