Screening

What is screening?
When wastewater first arrives at a wastewater treatment works, it passes through metal bar screens. These screens trap large objects (like rags, papers and plastics), but allow the rest of the wastewater to pass through.

Why is this step needed?
It is important to remove the large objects because they can cause damage to the pipes, pumps and tanks in the rest of the works.

What happens to the screenings?
The screenings (objects caught by the screens) are removed and buried in a landfill.