

WHAT'S IN MY GARBAGE?

Garbage is one of the major environmental concerns in North America. We produce more than anywhere else in the world and we're running out of room to put it.

Each Canadian, on average, produces an astonishing 2.2 kilograms of waste each day. That's 30 million tonnes of waste in total each year! What happens to this trash? It may disappear from our curbs, but it doesn't disappear from the planet. Some gets recycled or recovered and some is burned, but the majority is buried in landfills.

http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/eco_info/topics/waste/itsnotwaste/aboutwaste/how_much.cfm

Where does garbage go?

http://www.fallsbrookcentre.ca/teaching/webunits/Tracking_Trash/web_unit_files/page3.htm

Garbage Reduction TIPS

The average American throws away three and a half pounds of trash a day. If you were to make a hole the size of a football field and throw all of America's trash in a single year, the hole would have to be a hundred miles deep to fit it all in. And we're running out of landfill space—our landfills are closing at the rate of about one per day throughout the country.

<http://www.professorshouse.com/Your-Home/Environment/Recycling/Articles/How-to-Reduce-Your-Household-Garbage/>

Canadians are among the most wasteful for water

Canadians use, on average, 329 liters of water a day¹.

Environment Canada. *Topic 6. Water Conservation – Every Drop Counts!*

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/eau-water/default.asp?lang=en&n=E85F9FC8-1>.

Eight in 10 (80 per cent) know the water in their toilet is just as clean as the water coming out of their faucet, and three quarters (76 per cent) are aware that nearly half (45 per cent) of water used in the home is flushed down the toilet.

"Water is a real bargain in Canada, which is another reason Canadians have no concept of its value," says Bob Sandford, EPCOR Chair, Canadian Partnership Initiative of the UN Water for Life Decade. "Compared to other developed nations, Canadians pay very little to have water delivered to their homes. In France, water costs four times more, and in Germany, almost seven times more. Not surprisingly, average daily domestic water use in these countries is less than half of what it is in Canada. Until Canadians make the connection between personal use of water and its true value, our water wasting habits will continue."

<http://smr.newswire.ca/en/rbc-financial-group/canadian-water-attitudes-study>

Enviromom – One can a month challenge

<http://www.enviromom.com/join-enviromoms-one-can-a.html>

<http://www.enviromom.com/2008/07/one-can-chal-10.html#tp>

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