

Brewster Facts

1. The Earth is home to 5 billion people. Every day each person produces waste. By definition, waste is the discarded or unwanted by-products of human activities.
2. Waste can be biodegradable or non-biodegradable and occurs in any of the three physical states: solid, liquid or gaseous.
3. A small percentage of the total waste generated is unavoidable; it is the product of nature. Leaves, fallen trees and animals that have died from natural causes are examples of unavoidable waste. However, the waste that is causing the environmental crisis we all face is the result of our personal habits.
4. Industrialized nations with high standards of living are driven by consumption. People buy goods or services, use them, discard them and then purchase more goods or services. Buying more and more items keeps factories and business running. The problem is we have consumed and discarded to the point where the Earth is in trouble.
5. Natural resources are becoming scarce. We have used or polluted much of the resources the Earth has to offer. These resources provide the air we breathe, the water we need, the food we eat, the homes we live in and the fuel that heats and transports us. If we keep using more and more there will be no resources left.
6. At the same time we are throwing away paper, minerals, fossil fuels and other resources that are still valuable. Not only is this wasteful but all the items we have deemed no longer useful are piling up.
7. While unnecessary waste is a global problem the solution is quite simple. The best way to help the waste situation is to change your personal habits. If everyone tried to fix his or her little piece of the Earth then a global difference would occur. Canadians are the number one waste producers in the world. Each of us produces a tonne of waste every year. It is only fair that we make an effort to help the Earth.
8. The first step is to change our attitudes by Reducing, Reusing and Recycling as much waste as possible. Only if waste cannot be treated by the 3 R's should it be thrown away.

Did you know...
Canadians produce
30 million tonnes
of garbage per
year, making us the
**#1 waste producer
in the world.**
This is not an
enviable position
to be in.

