



WASTE
REDUCTION
WEEK
IN CANADA



Monday: E-Waste

Did you know.....

80 to 85% of electronic products were discarded in landfills or incinerators, which can release certain toxics into the air.

For every 1 million cell phones that are recycled, 35,274 lbs of copper, 772 lbs of silver, 75 lbs of gold, and 33 lbs of palladium can be recovered. Think about all that money that can be invested in something useful !!!

Our school recycles E-waste in room 55



Video reflection/discussion question:

- Did this video have an impact on you in terms of buying a new phone every year?
- Do you know any e waste recycling centers near you?

Tuesday: Food Waste

Did you know...

That the average Canadian wastes about 183 kg of food in a year? Altogether that's *6 million tonnes* which is equivalent to 1 million elephants!

All of this food waste is costing Canada's economy more than 31 billion dollars a year!



View the video (2 mins)

Discussion Questions

- Why do people waste so much food?
- How can we give the food we waste to people who really need it?

Wednesday: Plastics

The Facts:

- 91% of plastics are not recycled
- Plastics are contributing to climate change
- We eat, drink, and breathe plastics

View the video.(1:19)



The Solution?

What can you and I do to address this problem?

What is preventing you and I from reducing our use of plastics?

Thursday: Clothing and Fast Fashion

"Fast fashion" is a term used by fashion retailers to describe clothes that are inspired by recent style trends seen on celebrities and on the runway for an affordable price for the average consumer.

Because fast fashion garments are cheaper, lower in quality and run out of style quicker, people are more likely to dispose of them.

Please click on the link below for a short video and then answer the discussion question

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGVG7L8Llvs&feature=youtu.be>



Video reflection/discussion question:

Does watching this video change your mind at all about how often you may buy new clothes?