

Morro and Jasp's GREEN FACTS

- ⊕ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough money to run a TV for 3 hours.
- ⊕ A glass bottle that is not recycled and instead sent to landfill takes about 1 million years to break down.
- ⊕ Turning down your central heating thermostat one degree cuts fuel consumption by as much as 10%.
- ⊕ Compact fluorescent light bulbs use 75% less electricity than regular light bulbs and last years longer. Replacing them can save 200 kilowatt hours per year, which translates into roughly \$20 per bulb.
- ⊕ Canadians use, on average, 390 litres of water per day, about twice as much as the average European.
- ⊕ A dripping tap can waste enough water in a year to fill over 33 bathtubs.
- ⊕ A five-minute shower with a standard showerhead uses 100 litres of water; a five-minute shower with a low-flow showerhead uses 35 liters of water!
- ⊕ If everyone in Toronto turned off the tap while brushing their teeth, we would save 40 billion liters of water annually – enough water to fill almost 20,000 Olympic swimming pools.
- ⊕ Running your tap for two minutes when you do the dishes uses 7 liters of water.
- ⊕ A healthy human can go without food for a month, but will die in less than a week without fresh water.
- ⊕ Canadians generate about 1.7 kg of waste per person per day.
- ⊕ We use 50 million tons of paper annually, consuming more than 850 million trees.
- ⊕ The pulp and paper industry is the third-largest industrial polluter in both Canada and the United States, releasing more than 220 million pounds of toxic pollution into the air, ground, and water each year.
- ⊕ Computers use a lot of energy. If a computer will not be used in the next 10 minutes, turn it off! The monitor uses 60% of the computers energy output
- ⊕ Your computer and television (and any other appliance for that matter) still uses electricity when it is off because it is still plugged in. Unplug from the wall or use a power cord that can be turned off to prevent the leaching electricity.
- ⊕ IN 2005, Toronto sent approximately 750,100 tonnes of waste to Michigan landfills. That's like 3.5 aircraft carriers.