

Wanda wonders How buying things affects the environment.



Environmental Messenger

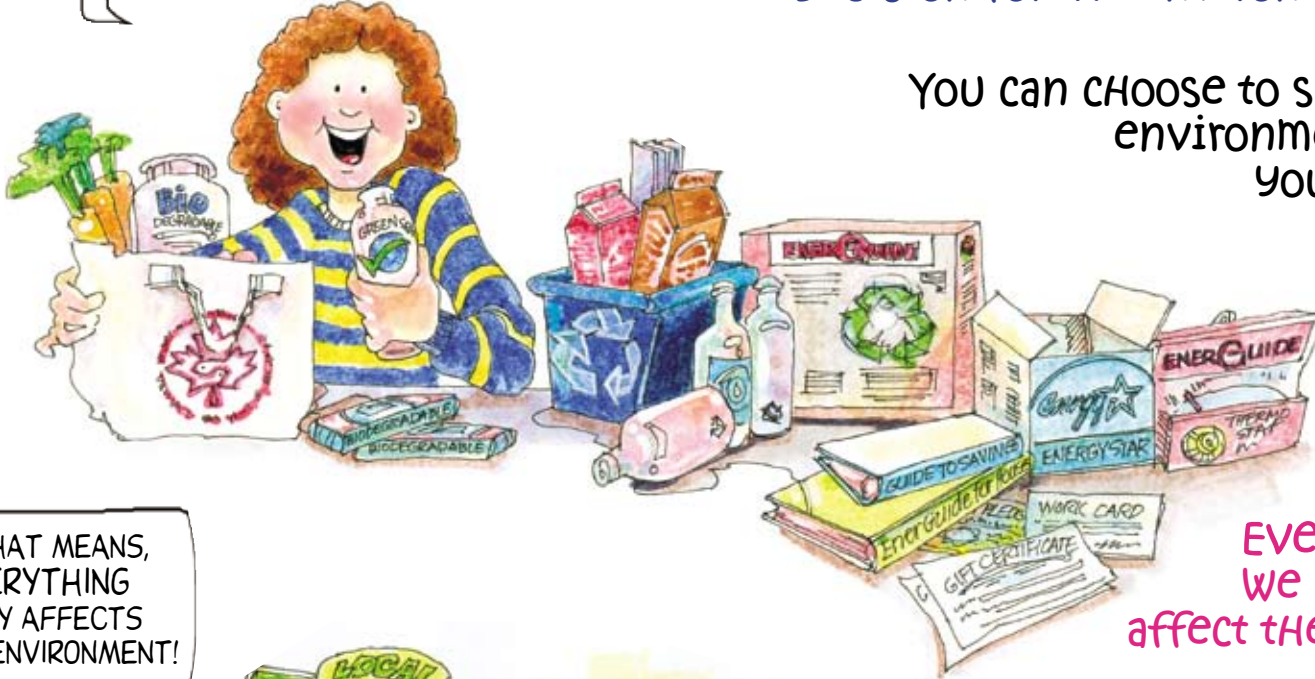
Acknowledge Our Part

Think before you BUY

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW EVERYTHING YOU HAVE COMES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT?

Your decision to purchase is your most powerful decision for the environment.

You can choose to support the environment with your purchase.



SO THAT MEANS, EVERYTHING WE BUY AFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT!

Everything we buy will affect the environment.

It is important to know how, before you make the decision to buy.



Some things to ask yourself before you buy:

Questions

How can you change what you buy to better support the environment?

How could you find out if a product you want supports the environment?

What choices have you made to buy products that better support the environment?

What other things would you consider asking before buying to make the right choice for the environment?

- Is this really needed?
- Will it last a long time?
- Could I borrow it or rent it from someone?
- Can I buy this second-hand or used?
- How did this product affect the environment when it was made?
- How will it affect the environment as I use it, and, once I am finished with it?
- Could I buy something that has less impact on the environment?
- Does the product have excessive packaging?
- Does the manufacturer take steps to care for and support the environment?
- Are there opportunities to re-use, recycle or remanufacture the product at the end of its life?
- Does the manufacturer take responsibility for the re-use, remanufacture or recycling of the product at the end of its life?
- Has the product been designed for the environment?



Remember we just borrow from the earth and then give it back.

Make how you borrow, and how you give back, support the earth.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi



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