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The Circular Economy

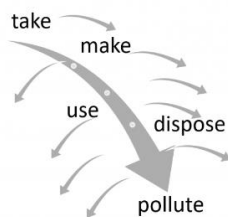
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Here's a term you might have heard ...

Circular Economy! This explores the idea of restructuring how we use our resources (our things) and seeks to re-answer the question: **Where does our stuff come from; and where does it go?**

What is the problem?

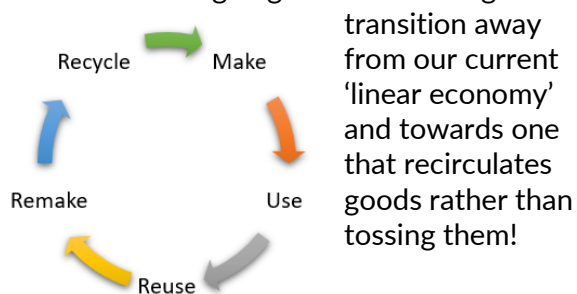
As our world develops and becomes more complex, we have increased our consumption. The result has been increases in resource extraction (on one end) and growing landfills (on the other). This has put pressure on our ecological environment.



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What is the solution?

The Circular Economy solves these dilemmas. It insists on creating products that persist and circulate long-term. In doing so, we reduce both our need to extract resources, and the waste materials going to landfill. The goal is to



When you think about it, the concept is quite simple—and it's not all that new! Fifty years ago, milk was delivered in glass bottles.



Empty bottles would be collected and returned to the factory for refilling. Here we see an endless loop of material use; this is the Circular Economy in action!

Things used to be made to last and they were circulated for a longer amount of time. These are valuable lessons under the Circular Economy. With creativity and collaboration, the values of the Circular Economy can be reused once again (pun intended)!

Want to participate in the Circular Economy?

- Give away or sell unwanted goods
- Buy used whenever possible
- Invest in long-lasting things
- Avoid using disposable items
- Take care of and fix broken things
- Share tools and help people fix things

Besides helping with our ecological dilemma, participating in the Circular Economy also helps our neighbours!

Find more info and videos here:

www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/sustainability/circular-economy.html

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