

# WATCHING YOUR WASTE

## DID YOU KNOW ...?

- ❑ The United States makes up almost 17% of the world's population but produces 50% of the world's waste stream.
- ❑ 2000 lbs. of waste per person is "thrown away" in landfills every year in the United States.
- ❑ For every \$11.00 spent on groceries about \$1.00 goes to pay for packaging.

CLEARLY IT IS TIME WE BEGAN TO WATCH OUR WASTE

## SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### Reduce The Amount of Waste You Produce

- Don't buy over-packaged or individually wrapped items.
- Do buy durable items instead of disposable items, i.e. razors, pens, pencils, containers.
- Do be conscious of buying recycled and recyclable products.

### Reuse

- Reuse bags and containers for storage.
- Reuse paper to pack items to be mailed, as drop-cloths for messy jobs, for craft projects, or for scrap.
- Donate old books, clothes, furniture, and appliances to good will, thrift, or book stores.

### Recycle As Much As You Can

- Separate glass, newspaper, paper, aluminium and scrap metals out of your waste stream and recycle them.
- Compost organic waste, soil needs recycling too.

### Get Others Involved

- Start recycling in your school and home.
- Remind your family of the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Most importantly, SET A GOOD EXAMPLE!

