**Think Twice!**

**RCNC Recycling Fact Sheets**

**Where does our garbage go?**

What exactly is a **landfill?**

A landfill is a large area of land or an excavated site that is a carefully designed structure built into or on top of the ground. The garbage collected at the landfill is isolated from the surrounding environment with a bottom liner and a daily covering of soil. Canada has over 10,000 landfill sites.

How much garbage? Canadians generate approximately 31 million tonnes of garbage a year and only recycle about 30 per cent of that material. This means that each person generates approximately 2.7 kg of garbage each day. The sheer volume of waste that many existing landfill sites are approaching capacity, and few people want new sites built near their communities.

**What is the solution?** REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Approximately 67.2% of Canada’s **GARBAGE** is disposed of in a landfill.