



Earth Repair Action Guide

While many nations are currently ignoring the deteriorating environment on our Earth, and individually most people are concerning themselves with less important and even trivial matters:

- over half of the Earth's forests have already been logged and are being lost at an alarming rate daily
- tropical rainforests are continuing to be destroyed for beef production for the fast food industry
- world-wide an estimated 100 billion tonnes of topsoil have been lost to erosion
- atmospheric build-up of toxic chemical pollutants is rapidly depleting our protective ozone layer causing a greenhouse effect and drastic changes to weather patterns
- useful bio-degradable materials are wasted daily instead of being hygienically composted as a valuable resource to make humus for soil revitalisation and tree propagation
- world population is increasing steadily while food production in many areas is at crisis point
- oceans and inland waterways are so polluted that much of the aquatic life is unable to be sustained
- the world's wildlife and many plant species are in continuing decline
- deserts are spreading rapidly and encroaching on agricultural areas
- short-term economic gains are considered more important than the future of our home planet
- global military spending is now over \$1 trillion per year (\$2 million per minute)
- 24 people (18 of them children), die every minute from hunger and poverty-related diseases
- most of the world's people are overfed, yet suffering from malnutrition due to devitalised foods



What it means to us all . . .

As we are totally dependent on Mother Earth for our survival, a fundamental change is needed in our relationship with, understanding of, and respect for the Earth and its natural resources.

Who is responsible . . .

Everyone. Individuals, community groups, businesses, corporations and Governments must all be responsible and DO something before it is too late - and the time for action is NOW.

What INDIVIDUALS can do:

- plant and grow trees wherever and whenever possible
- separate all recycleable household refuse and support all local council recycling efforts
- develop a sense of humus and hygienically compost all your presently-wasted organic, bio-degradable materials into soil and set up an organic food garden in your backyard
- insist on organically-grown food and environmentally-sound packaging
- seek out alternatives to rainforest timbers for building materials
- organise and/or support local community earth repair action groups
- respect areas of beauty by not littering or damaging
- use recycled paper and other recycled materials where possible
- only use household products which are safe for the environment
- conserve valuable resources such as water and electricity
- organise car pools to help reduce damaging exhaust emissions
- send letters and petitions to your politicians and the media about taking Earth Repair Action
- know that your voice is effective and be optimistic about the future for humanity



What LOCAL COUNCILS can do:

- organise local tree-planting projects
- create permanent, self-sustaining and organic public food parks
- encourage backyard composting and household gardening
- responsibly manage waste materials and organise recycling depots
- circulate educational material for school and community use to foster individual responsibility for earth repair action
- clean up local areas of beauty and encourage pollution control
- motivate greater use of public transport



What GOVERNMENTS can do:

- STOP irresponsible logging and begin major tree-growing projects NOW
- establish soil manufacturing plants to hygienically compost all presently-wasted bio-degradable, valuable resource materials, such as organic household refuse, sewage by-products and fine-ground mineral-rich rock-dust from some mining sites, for use in revitalising soils
- reallocate annually 10% of all military budgets to fund a ten year earth repair action plan
- utilise available resources such as military personnel and equipment to help grow billions of trees to replace forests lost, and to replenish the atmosphere
- protect all remaining native forests, flora and wildlife
- strictly control pollution in industrial and city areas
- encourage community participation in establishing permanent, self-sustaining, organic agriculture, and food parks and gardens in cities, schools and prisons
- discourage the misuse of chemical fertilisers on our foodcrops
- HELP UNITE PEOPLE, communities, religions and nations in the common productive and peaceful purpose of repairing our Earth for a healthier and safer future for us all

