

## HUMAN INFLUENCE

My dear mother always told me not to be wasteful — that's why I pride myself in **conservation**, which just means I make wise choices (but we already knew I was full of wisdom).

For example, if I wear this shirt for a whole week, I can conserve the water that would be needed to wash an entire load of laundry. Mom would be proud.

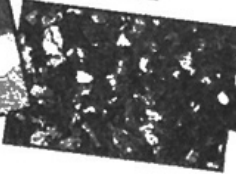
But water's not the only thing humans can try to conserve. There are many other **natural resources** found on Earth, such as:



**Air**



**Coal**



**Trees**



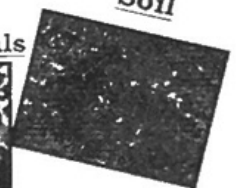
**Oil**



**Rocks & Minerals**



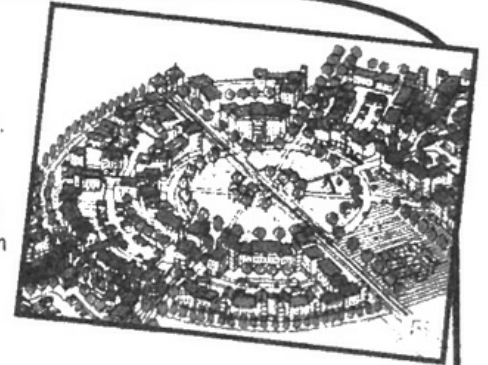
**Soil**



The less we use, the longer they will last. That's my philosophy on laundry detergent.

I know this may come as a shock to you, but (on the flip-side of conservation) humans can also have negative effects on the planet. Think about **pollution**, which is anything that harms the environment. I hope you were sitting down for that.

As a top-notch construction worker, I know a lot about working with the environment. Take this here community my crew and I have been working on...



We've taken the utmost care in protecting the Earth by taking smart steps like getting rid of our trash and left-over building materials properly, instead of burning everything (which can release toxic fumes), or dumping it in a river (which could contaminate the local water supply), or the ocean (which could harm marine life).



Luckily, there are many beneficial things we can do for the Earth. I'm sure you've heard of the saying "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.".....

Another positive thing we can do is plant trees and bushes, which not only helps the air but also the surrounding soil. Maybe one day you can get your azalea bushes to look as good as mine.

- **Reduce**—Like when I should eat only one pizza instead of two
- **Reuse**—I always carry a hanky in my back pocket, so I don't have to carry a whole box of tissues
- **Recycle**— Like when I used old newspapers to wrap my mother's birthday present