

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WASTE AUDIT LESTER B. PEARSON BUILDING



- The average annual weight of waste generated at the Pearson Building is 283,186 kilograms. Twenty-seven of the products found comprise over 64% of the weight and can easily be recycled!
- Some surprising figures:

Product	Waste Type	Landfill %	Recycling %	Total Yearly Weight (kgs)	Hauling Cost (\$)	***Total Annual Cost (\$)
Research Paper and Reports	Paper	15.11	84.89	36222.58	536.81	69130.58
News and Reports	Computer Paper	0.00	100.00	2347.86	0.00	5156.20
Coffee Grinds	Organics	100.00	0.00	20615.27	2021.91	16939.02
Globe and Mail	Old News Print	93.85	6.15	7886.62	725.90	6224.18
Supply Boxes	Old Corrugated Cardboard	100.00	0.00	8933.05	876.14	7340.06
Juice Bottles	Glass	100.00	0.00	6416.84	629.35	5272.55
Food Waste	Organics	100.00	0.00	22847.61	2240.85	18773.28

*** Includes purchasing, hauling and personnel costs.

- **What is being done to reduce the amount of solid waste at the Lester B. Pearson building and missions abroad?**

The principal waste reduction strategies include:

- Implementation of Phase II of the Pearson Waste Reduction Plan, involving the formal launch of the new multi-material recycling centres to be placed on every floor (Summer, 1994);
- Composting of cafeteria waste (food preparation waste and coffee grinds only); and
- Finalization, testing, distribution, and completion of mission environmental audit questionnaire.