

# *Factoids, Caring Canada*

*element: A tolerant society, with values and progressive policies*

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## *message: Come to Canada and Be Heard*

Canadians have the right to:

- vote from 18 years old
- equality
- mobility (to work, live here)
- freedom of speech, thought, peaceful assembly
- to enter and leave the country freely
- to express opinions while respecting the rights and freedoms of others

Canada values include:

- universal rights for human respect which helps to develop and maintain stable, peaceful, democratic, and prosperous societies
- rule by law, not power
- sustainable development
- culture and education
- global cultural affairs

The Human Rights Act was passed in 1917

Sustainable development

- percentage of homes that have access to recycling programs - paper 69.6%; metal cans 67.2%; glass bottles 67.4%; plastics 62.8%; special 40.2%
- percentage of home that recycle - paper 83.1%; metal cans 83.5%; glass bottles 83.5%; plastics 81.7%; special 57.1%
- percentage of homes that:
  - have compost heap/container/service - 22.7%
  - regularly lower the temperature - 71.1%
  - own water saving, low flow, or modified shower heads - 42.3%
  - that have a water filter/purifier - 19.5%

Forests - In 1997, there were 24,812 hectares of seeded areas, and 432,976 hectares of seedlings planted

Quality air forecasting - In June 21, 2000, Environment Canada announced it would supplement the existing program with \$1 million to expand and improve air quality forecasting

Arts and culture

- customs are kept alive through story telling, dance, music
- new expressions of talent mark new development in our history
- there are 150 festivals/special arts events annually, creating \$79 million in revenues