



STINAPA INFORMATION

HOW DO WE REDUCE THE GROWTH OF THE TRASH MOUNTAIN?
LET'S START BY PRODUCING LESS TRASH....

Every human being produces waste. When we go shopping everything is packaged in materials like cardboard boxes, plastic bags or plastic bottles. Besides that we also dispose of products like food leftovers, garden trash, building and painting materials and car tires. Every household on Bonaire produces 1.6 tons of trash on a yearly basis, which comes down to a total of 9000 tons of household waste. Besides that, every year there is 4300 tons of commercial waste. The landfill at Lagoen has been in use for 13 years now, but will be full 5 years from now. Every day approximately 130 tons of trash is received at the landfill. We do not always realize that all kinds of items we use produce waste and what kind of waste that is. One waste product can be more detrimental to man and nature than the other. The production of certain materials also influences our environment. For paper for instance, trees have to be felled. Consequently animals lose their natural habitat and land erosion may result (if no reforestation takes place). We can therefore best use paper sparingly or use recycled paper. What do we do with the items we throw away? On Bonaire Selibon takes our trash to the landfill. It is good to collect trash so our environment does not get dirty. The preferred sequence of how to treat waste is, first of all, prevention, secondly re-usage, and thirdly a responsible end-processing. By dumping the trash the waste will stay intact for a long time and keeps accumulating. On Bonaire poisonous matter may run into the ground because the waste is not enclosed. So the more we throw away, the bigger the mountain of trash will get as will the risks for the environment. How can we slow down the growth of our trash-mountain? The first step would be to let everybody produce less trash. The main goal of the Antillean trash policy is to reduce the amount of trash. When we buy stuff, we can research what kind of waste it produces. Think about buying less pre-packaged products for instance. Or choose products of which the packaging can be re-used. We can collect glass bottles separately on Bonaire, but we can't do that with plastic bottles. We also get less waste from buying fewer disposable items. And we can choose for products that create less harmful waste (like water based paints, radios on electricity instead of batteries) and... how careful are we with our tires..... ??? As you can see, we have lots of choices. It is a matter of being aware of them and contributing our own little bit.

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