

## How to Save the Earth:

1. BIRTH CONTROL – As many people already know, the Earth is currently overly populated. The advent of medicine and wider distribution of food have prolonged human lives greatly. The obvious issue with this overpopulation is increased consumption of human resources coupled with increased waste production; people are using more and wasting more. If this continues onward, the scarcity of resources will grow, the value of present resources will rise, and eventually some people are going to receive the short end of the stick and not have access to the resources present; at this point people are going to start dying as we reach the environmental threshold. A simple solution to this is to increase birth control laws. Less babies produced means less number of people entering the planet compared to the number of people leaving or dying. Increased birth control laws should not infringe on any human rights other than people's desires to have more children than the set amount; such people can always opt to adopt an existing child of course if they wish to care for more children. This solution will not have an immediate effect that will be noticeable but will be effective in the long term.
2. INCREASE TAXES – Not a very happy or very pretty or very pleasant solution but my logic is this: more taxes, on food, water, sales, etc. will have people using and consuming less. People will stop buying as much due to higher taxes and they will stop consuming as much resources as they did before. Of course there are many issues associated with a rise in taxes such as perhaps a deflation of the economy and other factors which I cannot delve into but it is my belief that the solution should have some effect on reducing human consumption.
3. REDUCE MEDICAL AID – Again this is not a very happy solution but many of the environmental problems are caused by the fact that people are living longer nowadays. People can live well into their 70's now with increasing medical advancements but this also means that these people will be around on Earth longer, taking up space, using more resources, and producing more waste. Reducing medical aid will in effect force people to be more careful about their own health but prevent people from living as long. I'm not suggesting that we should remove medical coverage from people but just cover less. It is not a very happy solution but it will have some effect. The primary issue is that there are just too many people. Solutions can be made to help accommodate more people on Earth but those solutions will just be need to be redeveloped and remade as the population expands even further; these solutions will not be long term. Personally, I believe the only permanent solution is to limit the number of people present on the Earth to a certain sustainable amount. Earth cannot hold so many people and even if we do find ways to stretch our resources further, there is a certain limit as to how far we can stretch them. Not only that, but the amount of space available will rapidly decrease along with the space preserved for wildlife and nature and such. For me, either we limit the amount of people present or we find more space elsewhere such as on Mars.