

**Leaving things on standby wastes energy.
It takes a forest the size of 500 football
pitches to absorb all the CO2 produced by
phone chargers that are left plugged in.**

**People in the UK buy 12 billion drinks cans
every year – enough to stretch to the moon
and back – but only a quarter are recycled.**

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If everyone in the world lived the way we do in the UK we would need 3 planets to support our energy needs.

A soak in the bathtub uses 75 litres of water, but a 5-minute shower uses just 30 litres and reduces water and energy use.

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In 2014, the average carbon footprint for someone living in the UK was 6.5 tonnes. That would fill 39 double-decker buses with CO₂.

The earth is getting hotter – the past 30 years have been the warmest in the northern hemisphere during the last 1,400 years.

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96 out of every 100 people in the world who will die as a result of a natural disaster, live in poor countries.

At present rate of emissions, Earth's average surface air temperature is set to climb by 2.6 to 4.8 °C by the end of this century.

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Global emissions of CO₂ have increased by almost 90% since 1970.

Since a 1987 ban on harmful chemicals called CFCs, the hole in the ozone layer has shrunk by 4 million square miles.

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In 2008 the UK became the first country to introduce a Climate Change Act, and in 2019 the UK set a target of reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The 423 million people who are the most affected by the impacts of climate change are already living in extreme poverty.

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Every year 175 million children miss out on school because of natural and manmade disasters.

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