

TEXTILES WASTE: THE FACTS

9.5 metric tonnes

is the amount of clothing North Americans send to landfill every year.



95%

of which could be

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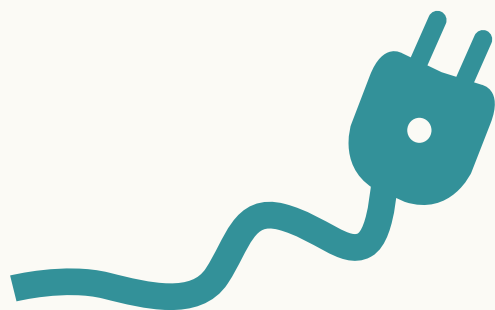
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One trillion kilowatt-hours

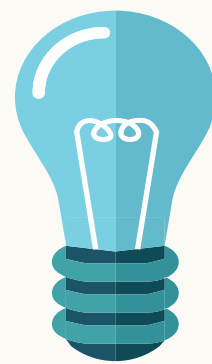
are used every year by the global textiles industry.



That equals

10%

of the global total carbon impact.



The average person throws away

37 kilograms

of textiles annually.



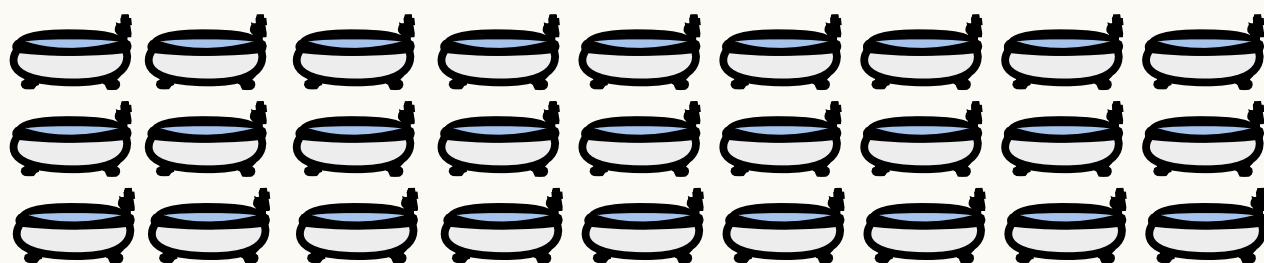
The production of new garments uses 1/3 of the world's fresh water resources.



2,650 litres

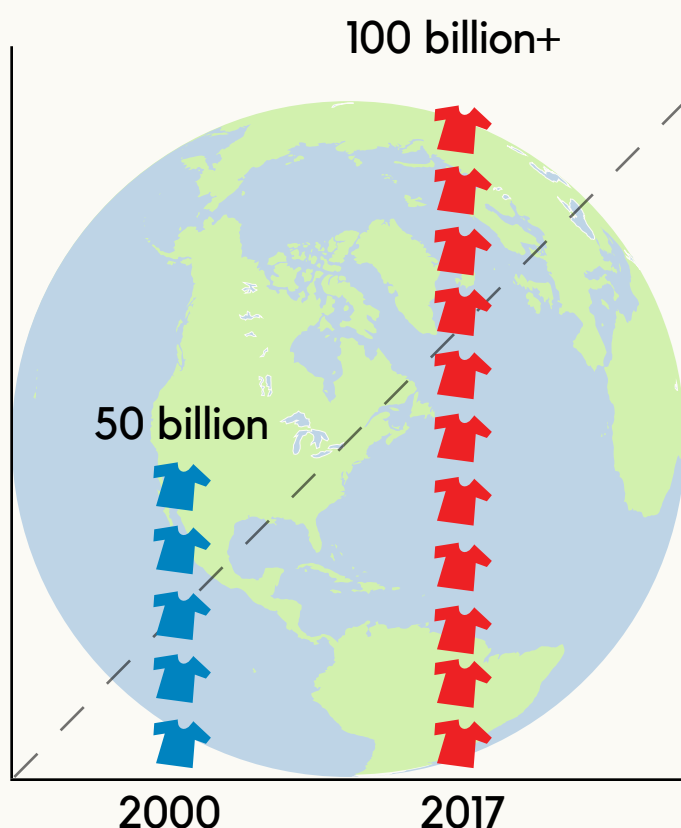
is how much water it takes to produce one cotton t-shirt.

That's equivalent to approximately 27 bathtubs full of water.



Globally, textiles waste has increased dramatically due to the rise in clothing consumption and production.

The number of new garments produced annually now exceeds



100 billion

and is double the amount compared to the year 2000.

The World Bank estimates that textiles dyeing and treatment contributes up to

17-20%

of total industrial water pollution.



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