

Sorting out is the right thing to do



The sorting out of one's waste is a way of becoming more conscious of our responsibility as consumers of goods generating waste. By this simple gesture of sorting out our waste and dropping it off in our Mission Verte's receptacles, we:

1. Become more aware of the waste volume we generate and the necessity of reducing it as much as possible;
2. Consider these recyclable products as a valuable resource;
3. Participate in the reduction of pressure on natural resources.

A second van for Mission Verte



A second van was recently acquired by Mission Verte last December, thanks to our sponsors, Terra Foundation and International Financial Services Limited (IFS). We thank them especially here. This second van allows us to collect the cartons, papers and plastics dropped in our receptacles more efficiently, as we are now better equipped to collect waste in the North and South of the island.

Our glass recycling project



Think about it : each year, about 7,000 tons of glass go to Mare Chicose. Faced with this situation, we have launched our glass recycling project, which has entered its second phase, notably with the soon to come public participation in the collection. It will very soon become easier to drop off the glass to be recycled. For the time being, you can do it only on our Riche Terre site, as indicated on the situation plan you can find on our website : <http://missionverte.org/verre-recycle/>. This land has been made available to us by Promotion and Development Ltd, and we sincerely thank them here. This will allow us, in addition to the housing of the recycling project, to decentralise our activities.

An alternative to plastic bags



To promote the use by the public of an alternative to plastic bags, and eventually to stop their use altogether, Mission Verte has begun to collect large old sugar sacks, which are turned into very practical shopping bags. They are sold for a very reasonable price. A second life will be given to them, making them an alternative to the supermarkets bags and others. We also propose a denim model. To order please contact us as indicated below.



Sorting out is good, sorting out and compacting is better



Faced with the volume of recyclable waste dropped in our receptacles, which can become full quite quickly before we have time to empty them, we make a special appeal to you, to participate in the optimisation of the available space. In order to achieve this goal, please compact the waste as follows: carton boxes to be unfolded and flattened, plastics bottles and cans to be flattened or compacted.



A few figures...

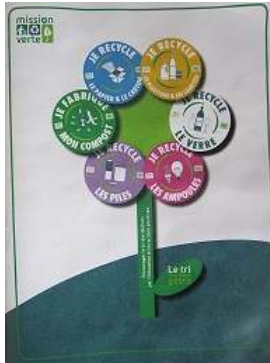
The total amount of solid waste landfilled at Mare Chicose increased to 429,935 tons in 2013... from 387,925 tons in 2012, a 10,8% rise. Source : Statistics Mauritius (july 2014) – Environment Statistics 2013.

http://statsmauritius.govmu.org/English/StatsbySubj/Documents/ei1123/Envstats_yr2013.pdf

Some management changes at Mission Verte

Since last November, Cedric Descombes has joined us as Site Manager of our glass recycling project. Lone Raffray left us last December, and Sebastien Raffray is replacing her as Mission Verte's Manager. We thank Lone warmly here for all that has been done by her for our organisation since March 2013.

Our educative sessions



One of Mission Verte's goals is environmental awareness, through educative sessions in schools and businesses. Since our last newsletter (August 2014) we have organised a variety of sessions, totalising a public of approximately 500 persons : Notre Dame des Victoires School, Lycée Labourdonnais, Paul and Virginie School, MCB, Outremer Telecom, Velogic, and Lux* Resorts.

Budget 2015

During the pre-budget consultations, Mission Verte took part, through Platform Moris Lanvironnman, in some proposals to government concerning waste management in Mauritius :

- Sorting out of household waste,
- Government support to the local recycling industry,
- Incentives for reduction of waste at source,
- Heavy fines for dumping, fly tipping and littering,
- Subsidisation of home composting equipment,
- Awareness-raising campaigns on waste reduction, recycling and composting.

We also plan a meeting soon with Mr. Raj Dayal, the new Minister for Environment.

Annual General Meeting 2015

Our annual general meeting will be held on Monday 16th March at our premises in Curepipe. For those who are not yet members of Mission Verte, all you have to do is to fill in our online membership form on our website : <http://missionverte.org/devenir-membre-2/>

If you want to know more about our activities...

Just browse through our website: <http://missionverte.org>

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And always remember the 3 R's : REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE