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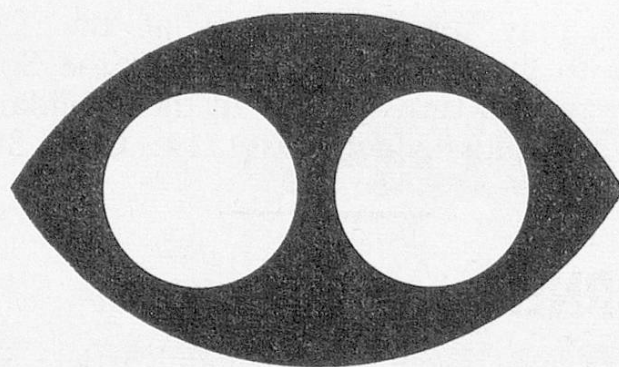
Recently there was such an excellent article in the weekly edition of the Tagesanzeiger that it warrants some translated excerpts:

30 Tips for Keeping Our World Beautiful and Clean —

- Use cleaning agents sparingly! Follow the instructions on the containers, as by doing so you will assist in helping to reduce water pollution by one third.
- If you have to use your own transport for going to work, arrange to work in with some neighbours. One car with four passengers creates less air pollution than four cars with only the driver.

- Do not use coloured toilet paper. The paper is soluble, but the colour remains even after sewerage treatment. Equally do not throw cigarette filter tips into the toilet. These tips are well nigh indestructible and will block the sewerage pumps.
- Care when disposing of paper napkins. If you do not tear them they clog sewerage pipes and sewerage plants.
- Purchase only the most expensive heating diesel fuel. It costs only a little more, but produces less air pollution.
- Be sparing with insect sprays in the house. With these sprays you poison yourself far more than with unwashed sprayed fruit.
- Take along your own shopping bag and refuse too much wrapping. Wrapping, particularly synthetic materials, is very difficult to dispose of.
- Avoid as much as possible purchasing liquids in synthetic containers. Choose those bottled in returnable containers.
- Rubbish bins made of plastic are easier to clean and make less noise.
- Refrain from making noise at night time. It has been proved that even if the noise is too low to wake up a sleeper, it may interfere with the sleep and dream cycle. This will cause the sleeper to wake up tired and irritable in the morning.

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