**Beyond the Tag**

the price of fast fashion

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**Plastic-based fibers contribute between 15-35% of ocean microplastics.**

Microplastics are consumed by marine organisms, causing health hazards that trickle up the food chain.

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**Textile production accounts for 10-20% of global pesticide use.**

Farm workers and wildlife can develop serious health consequences, even following “safe” levels of exposure as classified by the EPA.

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**Over 100 billion new garments are made every year.**

In the United States alone, 11.3 million tons of clothes wind up in landfills each year, equivalent to about 70 lbs per person per year.

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**The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of global CO2 emissions.**

This output exceeds that of the international aviation and shipping industries combined.

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**20% of global wastewater comes from the fashion industry.**

This wastewater is often dumped directly into rivers.

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**9/10 garment workers are not paid a fair, livable wage.**

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**Destruction at every step**

1. **Habitat loss through land clearing, deforestation, and soil degradation.**
2. **Pesticides used for the growing process can negatively impact both workers and wildlife.**
3. **Chemicals used in manufacturing include toxic dyes and reagents that pose hazards to workers and wildlife.**
4. **Chemicals often get disposed of in rivers, polluting aquatic environments.**
5. **Washing synthetic fabrics sheds microfibers which make their way to the ocean.**
6. **At the end of their lifespan, clothes are often dumped in landfills where they may take hundreds of years to degrade.**