**Environmental problems in Bardejov and its surroudings**

A quality environment is one of the basic conditions of human existence. The deterioration in the quality of the environment has not been avoided either by Slovakia or by our town of Bardejov.

Our town is located in the northeastern part of Slovakia, situated on both sides of the river Topľa. The northern border of Bardejov district borders Poland. The territory of the town itself has an area of 29,285 ha (292.85 km2) with a population of 33,000 after the last census in 2018.

The most important causes of environmental damage in our country are **increasing traffic** due to the increase in the number of cars on the roads, **the associated dust and noise** in residential areas near the roads in the town and its municipalities. Dustiness is caused mainly by unsuitable technical condition and insufficient maintenance of roads.

There is no significantly polluting production at the town.  
From the point of view of the discharge of air pollutants and air purity, the town of Bardejov and its surroundings are among the three towns in Slovakia with the lowest occurrence of exhalates. However, the partial negative impact on air quality depending on meteorological conditions is **the long-range transmission of emissions from larger industrial agglomerations** in Poland (Krakow) and the Czech Republic (Ostrava).

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The biggest environmental problem of our town and its surroundings is **waste management**.  
Weaknesses are in waste collection, waste transport, waste recovery and waste disposal, including disposal of disposal sites. Waste containers in the town are often overcrowded, waste collection containers do not allow residents to dispose of the separated waste in the prescribed manner. There is also a major problem with **the lack of information on proper waste separation**, the lack of technical capacity for collecting, transporting, sorting, recovering and disposing of waste and not addressing the problem of the existence of "black" landfills.  
        A serious problem is also the radicalization of changes in the environment at local and global level (**urbanization of the original landscape, floods, windstorms, warming, climate change**).  
        All these negative impacts are reflected in the ever deteriorating quality of our environment in the town and its surroundings, in reducing biodiversity and, last but not least, in deteriorating the population's health.

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