

Communities Need to Recycle

Communities across the world need to recycle. Imagine how it would be if everyone's rubbish was just lying around on the ground when it could be easily recycled. By doing this we would conserve natural resources, save energy, limit pollution and reduce landfill.

Firstly, I believe that communities need to recycle because if we don't more and more trees will get cut down and we need trees for oxygen. Animals also need trees to survive and if we keep cutting them down, our animals will slowly become extinct.

Communities also need to recycle because recycling saves energy. Energy is used by people in daily life in Australia, but energy like coal, oil and natural gas are being used up and can't be replaced for millions of years. Producing energy from these things also releases greenhouse gases which are harmful to our environment. Producing a new aluminium can from scratch takes ninety-five percent more energy and produces ninety-five percent more carbon dioxide than producing a can from recycled aluminium.

Global warming needs to be reduced by limiting pollution. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that is a major contributor to pollution and global warming. Manufacturing certain products releases a lot more carbon dioxide than recycling them would. Also, an estimated 100 million plastic bags clog sewers, tangle birds and get swallowed by whales, sea turtles and other wildlife each year. By carrying our own recyclable bags, we can eliminate this.

On average, Australians produce more waste than any other individual in almost all other countries. Also, Australians throw away around 20 million tonnes of waste per year and it takes hundreds of years to break down. This includes waste from our kitchens, bathrooms and laundries and our gardens. It also includes building waste from building and renovating houses. We can reduce landfill by selling some things, giving some things away to charity shops, re-using plastic containers and always choosing recyclable packaging when we do the grocery shopping.

The more we recycle, the more we can help reduce landfill. It is becoming harder to find places to use for landfill, so people are resorting to dumping their rubbish in the sea which could kill marine animals.

As I have outlined above, there are many good reasons why it is essential that communities recycle. Most importantly, it is so future generations enjoy this world just as much as we do. It is our responsibility to take care of this earth.

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