

Communities Should Recycle

The earth is dying because we simply can't be bothered to recycle. We can do so much to help the earth, animals and ourselves but we just watch the earth being destroyed. We are using too much paper which is unnecessary. Plastic is also a big problem because if it is not disposed of properly it can kill sea life. So, by simply recycling we will give the earth a better chance.

If you recycle even one paper you are saving many trees. Trees are one of the things in life that we absolutely can't live without. Businesses in developed nations throw away around 21 million tonnes of paper each year. This is equal to 80kg for each worker. By recycling paper we can save many trees that could be spared if we recycle. We have cut down many trees on the earth. Now there is too much carbon dioxide in the air which is heating up the earth. The ice in the polar region is melting due to the heating of the earth. The polar bears now have to swim a very long way to find ice and many drown on their journey. So, recycling paper doesn't only save trees it also saves polar bears.

Recycling plastic means that we save all the raw materials used to create plastic. The materials used to make the plastic pollute the air. Plastic bottles use fossil fuel which pollutes the environment. Americans buy twenty-nine million bottles of water a year, more bottled water than any other nation. To make all these water bottles, the manufacturers use around 17 million barrels of crude oil, that oil could keep a million cars going for twelve months. (You can find out how much oil was used to create a plastic bottle by imagining a quarter of it filled with oil. All that oil is just used to create one plastic bottle.) For every six bottles we use, only one is recycled, the rest are sent to landfill or even dumped on beaches or in the ocean. By recycling one plastic bottle, yes only one, you can save enough energy to power a 60 watt light bulb for six hours.

Glass is something that many people use so if everyone recycled it then we wouldn't have to make more. For every 10% of recycled glass used to make new ones, you save 2.5 % in energy costs to make them rather than using raw materials. When people don't recycle glass it just ends up in landfill with all the other rubbish people throw away. Recycled glass goes from your house to the recycling facility and off to the grocery store in less than 30 days. That's so easy any one could do it to save the planet. By recycling glass you save animals because some of our waste ends up in the ocean. If we recycle glass we are saving animals as well as ourselves. If you just throw glass it can break and cause a problem by hurting someone or an animal. All glass that is made has even a smallest part of it made out of recycled glass.

We need to recycle! Not just for ourselves, but also for the planet. We could resolve this problem if people would recycle. We need to recycle unless you want to end up living on Mars with a helmet on your head. This is a huge situation and we could die if we don't save the earth. Do you really want your children to grow up in a world that is dying because we don't recycle?

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