

Earth Day Essay
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Change

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Have you ever been swimming and saw a piece of trash? Did you pick it up? There are many organizations around the world working to try and keep our oceans clean. However, even though we have all these people working to keep our oceans healthy, trash still finds a way into our oceans. That's why we need more people to help save our oceans.

One of the groups that is helping to fight for, as they say "trash free sea" is the Ocean Conservancy. At the ocean conservancy nearly 17 million volunteers from 155 countries have worked together to save our oceans. This trash in the ocean that impacts us also impacts animals; nearly 700 species are impacted by trash, including the trash that is wrapping around animals necks and the small micro plastics that are being eaten. If you want to help these animals and our oceans then make a change and stop littering.

The Ocean Cleans Up is another group that is trying to help by using energy efficient solutions. They want to help clean the oceans' garbage using an artificial coastline that will 'help save our oceans. They have cleaned up in the past 30 days 210,834 piece of trash and 9,408,284 of trash total. And each day more and more trash gets removed from our oceans. If you want to save our oceans then go check out The Ocean Clean Up.

Oceana is an organization that wants to save the whales. There were 27 whales tangled off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Five of which were humpback whales. Their mission is to protect whales from deadly entanglement. If you want to help the whales then go donate to Oceana.

Even though there are all these organizations trying to make a healthy ocean there our still 5 trillion pieces of trash in our ocean! We need to make a change or

this number will increase. Right now 2025 is estimated to have 250 million tons of trash. And a whopping 88% of the ocean's surface is covered by trash. That's why we need to support our organizations and make a change in our lifestyle and community. So we can save our oceans and animals.

Resources:

<https://www.greenmatch.co.uk/ocean-pollution-facts>,

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/>,

<https://theoceancleanup.com/oceans/>,

<https://oceana.org/about>