

Earth Day Essay
Leland and Gray

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No More Litter

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I live on a very busy road where people just throw trash on our driveway and lawn, usually it is people visiting Vermont. The people from out of state that come to Vermont are usually from a city, like New York. In cities most people just throw trash wherever they want. In Vermont we try not to do that, we want a clean environment. More people need to have more respect for the land, state and planet. After all Vermont is the "Green Mountain State".

Littering causes landfills to fill up and oceans to be full of trash. When people care it helps the Earth. A way for us to help reduce how much trash gets thrown out is by recycling, composting, and reusing items.

When people litter, our Earth is not only dirty, it looks dirty. Littering makes Vermont's beautiful land not look nice anymore. And it's also really bad for the earth and the environment. Littering pollutes the air, is harmful toward our waterways, and soil. Our soils can be harmed by the chemicals present in such litter as cigarette butts that contain arsenic and formaldehyde which makes its way into the soil which is dangerous for wildlife health.

Over 1 million animals die each year from litter. Plastic litter is the most common thing that kills the animals. Most of the time it's the sea animals that ingest the litter. It negatively impacts our water, in fact 60% of water pollution is due to litter. Sea animals are very important to us. If we keep on littering, the population of sea animals will just keep decreasing.

When people litter, it can cause diseases and some of those diseases can also affect the animals. The litter can also spread viruses and parasites through two different methods, direct and indirect contact.

Another thing is that we waste a lot. We waste when we can reuse something instead of buying a new one. We throw out stuff that maybe we should not throw out or things that

we can still use or give away. There are a lot of people out there that need things, and if we just think about those people and give them the things that we don't want or need we can make a difference.

Another thing is that some people burn trash and things that are not supposed to be burned like plastic, metal, rubber, and things that can cause damage to the environment and other things. A way to stop this is if we think and care about our Earth, our lives and the lives of animals and the lives of plants.

In conclusion, we need to better our Earth and think about our choices and actions and not litter anymore. We need to make sure we are careful of where we throw out our trash and protect the wildlife, the environment, and ourselves.

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