

Earth Day Essay
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Litter Around the World
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Have you ever been on a walk in the park and found some or a lot of litter? There are approximately 80,000 tons of litter found in parks every year. How can we change that? Litter affects plants, animals, and humans negatively and is something we should fix.

Litter can be found in every state. Even in Vermont, I have noticed trash on the side of the road. Green Up Day is a tradition that happens on May 4th where people pick up trash and litter from roads and forests. It helps keep our beautiful state clean and litter in the right place.

Wind and rain carry trash and plastics from landfills into the ocean. This causes sea life to eat it. The plastics and trash can harm their insides and can kill them. Trash washes up on beaches and makes them less beautiful.

A good way to help fix this problem is to recycle, compost, and reduce our use of single use plastics and other containers. Do not put glass, plastics, and other recyclable items into the trash. Using reusable water bottles, less paper towels, and not using straws are easy ways you can help limit your trash contribution.

As you can see, litter is something humans can control. It is up to us to do better at creating less trash that goes into the landfills. If we learn new ways to make products healthier for the environment, we can preserve the earth.

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