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Vermont's Four Seasons

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Imagine if we didn't have the four seasons in Vermont. The four seasons are what I enjoy most about Vermont. If we don't recycle and clean up after ourselves we might lose our four seasons.

Cleaning up trash we see around us is one way we can help keep Vermont clean. In the summer months my family and I go swimming in Vermont's lakes and rivers. When we go, my brothers and I always find trash, such as plastic bottles, soda cans, wrappers etc. We try to pick it all up as best we can, and leave the space better than we found it.

Recycling is an important part of keeping our state "green". In the fall you think about all the festivals and other fun fall activities that are hosted all over the state. At these kinds of things people tend to throw their trash on the ground instead of in a trash can. In the fall time cleaning up and recycling is beneficial before the great winter ahead.

Winter is a great season in Vermont as well. I look forward to the snowsports offered during the winter months. During the winter months Vermont's economy brings people to our ski resorts for ski season. Recycling during the winter is beneficial to do. When snow melts the trash in the snow banks and in people's lawns runs into the rivers. It can have a bad impact on the animals living in that water body.

During the spring lots of people enjoy such activities as hiking, bike riding, and walking on dirt roads. Green Up Day in Vermont is a great example of Vermonters recycling in the spring. When Green Up Day rolls around in the Spring. People enjoy walking or driving around Vermont and picking up trash. Springtime is a time for the breeding and birth of a lot of animals. Polluting could be an endangerment to the newly born animals.

To conclude, people should recycle in Vermont to keep our wonderful four seasons thriving. Keeping Vermont clean can help not only the animals and plants in

our state but it can also help the economy that we all rely on. Keeping our environment clean will allow us to all continue enjoying all the activities Vermont has to offer.

Sites to check out:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/restoring>

<https://greenupvermont.org/>

<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/recycling#:~:text=Learn%20what%20goes%20in%20Vermont,so%20they%20must%20be%20recycled.>