

Earth Day Essay

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“Hey mom!” announced Lily.

“Hi, honey! How was school?” Lily’s mom replied.

“It was great. We learned about a new law that sounds really cool and will help the environment. It is about composting!” Lily explained.

“Oh, your father and I heard about that. It sounds so complicated and really messy and stinky! Who wants to save their food scraps, GROSS!” her mom said.

Lily looked at her mom and was surprised because she knew she cared about the environment. She decided to explain all about composting at dinner that night.

So, that night at dinner Lily said “Mom this is important to me because food is rotting in the landfill. It is taking up space that we do have! It could save us a little bit of money because we would have less trash bags to pay for pick up. The mother thought about what she had heard and then she replied, “We will start composting then! But, I still think it's icky and I want you to help!”

Lily’s family tried it for a week then her mom thought, “I do not like this!” So she told Lily, “We are going to compost anymore, it is dirty, icky and stinky! I am also thinking a bear or raccoon came by last night and got into the stuff outside. This is ridiculous!”

“Mom,” Lily said calmly. “Let me tell you how we can do this better.”

So Lily went on to explain how to do it well. Lily said, “We could put a lid on the bucket inside and then it won’t smell as bad. The bugs won’t come too!”

“I agree with that to solve the inside problems. But the bears can still get into the pile of compost outside!”

“Well, mom,” explained Lily, “We can build a fence or make a container for it or get a solar digester which is kinda cool! “The bears can not get in the compost if we do one of those things.”

“Fine, Lily! You seem to have an answer for everything. But, what about the fact that it is just more work and doesn’t benefit us?”

“Well, soil loves compost! It helps plants grow. It helps filter water! It also stops erosion. It cuts trash removal costs! It takes carbon from the atmosphere.our food waste becomes a valuable resource. And finally, Mom, it then doesn’t take space up in the landfill!”

“Ugh, Lily it seems like you really do have an answer for everything! I guess we should try it again and do all of the things you said!”

“Thank’s, Mom. This is for the best for us and the earth. I learned about it at school and even our school is composting our scraps from lunches now!”

“Lily, that is very cool, good job! Now, let’s tell other people about the composting that we we will do starting and we can even do it at Gramma’s house!”

“Gramma may take the convincing I did! Are you ready to teach her?”

“Definitely!” Lily laughed.