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# How To Stop Plastic In The Ocean

Picture you're in the ocean and you want to go swimming and see some amazing fish and some whales. But then when you go the water has plastic in it and there are dead fish all over the place and you think what can I do to stop it? All water is important because you, animals and plants need it to drink and survive. Don't you like to swim? Another reason why it's important to save the ocean is you swim in it and have great memories. There are countless things you can do with water. One major issue facing our hydrosphere is plastics in the ocean. If you keep reading this you will learn about how to stop plastic in the ocean.

A major problem affecting the oceans is the plastics in them. One cause of plastics in the ocean is that people are not recycling. A sad statistic is 90% of the world's plastic is not recycled! The reason why you should not be adding to the 90% is most of that plastic is going straight to the ocean. Another cause of plastics in the ocean are flushing plastics down the toilet. Almost every wipe like baby wipes and cleaning wipes are made of plastic. People flush those down the toilet not knowing it's made of plastic. Always check what's in stuff before you use it. An effect of plastics in the ocean is animals eating the plastic. The reason why it's a problem is they think they're full but they are not so they starve to death. A big spot where wildlife gets their artificial plastic food is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. This patch of plastic is 2 times as big as Texas and 3 times as big as France! Texas is 268,597 square miles and France is 248,573 square miles!

Here are ways to stop plastics in the ocean. One of the **MAJOR** solutions of plastics in the ocean is to recycle! The reason why that's a solution is people at the recycling plants will take care of it the right way. Another solution of plastics in the oceans is to reuse plastics. If you ever run into a situation where you have to use plastics, do your best to reuse them because they will stay in your house not in the ocean. Also, if you see plastics you can only use once, avoid it as much as you can. My last solution is for the government to make law around the ocean and recycling. What I mean by an "ocean law" is there would be a fine to anyone if they carelessly threw a plastic item in the ocean and there could be some type of cop in the area. The reason why a recycling law would help is people would do it and if you did not there would be a great fine.

As you can see if we all follow the solutions we will have a better ocean and better earth. You just learned how to handle plastics you're done using and how to take care

of the ocean. If we don't save our ocean from plastic we might never again go swimming in the ocean and animals will be dying. Let's all do our part to recycle and one day see 0% of plastics are not recycled.