

Vermont-GREEN UP DAY-2022

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One day I found someone picking up trash on the side of the road. His bag was almost full and there was still so much trash in front of him. I thought it was really nice that he was picking up trash. So me, my sister, and her friend went and picked up trash for about fifteen minutes and our garbage bags were already a third of the way full. That goes to show you how many people don't care about the earth. They will just throw their trash out their car window onto the land to let it decompose, if it ever actually even can decompose! Or maybe they just don't care about the land they grew up playing on as a child. We know that a lot of the trash does not decompose; it may get smaller, but it doesn't ever actually go away like food may.

This is the purpose of Green Up Vermont. It is a day dedicated to ordinary people working together to clean up the trash in their towns and cities. On this day my class went on the road in search of trash. We picked up trash along Kelly Cross Road in Salisbury, Vermont. My class was split into four teams and my team had a certain part of the road assigned to us. There were a lot of cigarettes, cans, glass jars and bags. It was horrible to think of how much trash was just on our side alone, never mind imagining what my classmates were collecting. When we got to the end of the street we had more than one bag of trash. We then went back along the road and found more trash that we didn't see before from the clutter of the larger trash.

We all met back at school again and every team had at least one more full bag of trash. That means that there was probably around eighty pounds of trash if you estimate around 20 pounds

for every trash bag. This is not even counting the first round of trash bags we picked up. At the end our teams got trophies for our accomplishments. One team got an award for the most trash collected. Another team got good eyesight, for finding some smaller, more unique things. Another award had to do with finding the strangest thing on the side of the road, for example one group found a small trampoline! I don't remember the other award, but there was one more. I also don't really remember which one we got. Because the award wasn't memorable, but remembering all the trash we collected was.

This year the roads look just as bad. I know my class will go collect the trash alongside the roads by school again in May. I think that Green Up Day is a time to clean up the trash from the earth and eliminate it or use it again for something else that is amazing