

Earth Day Essay
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Small streams, big lakes, giant pine forests, colorful oaks, beautiful birch trees and beautiful farmland. This is Vermont. We have to keep it clean and pretty, keep the rivers clean, keep the fields clean, so the pretty nature of Vermont doesn't go away .

Did you know that all the trash you throw away can make it into a big hole into the ground where they dump trash and then it can get carried into the wild or into the ocean. If people keep throwing trash in the river the fish will get sick. Then they will die and the fish might go on the endangered list. If we keep throwing away stuff that can be reused the trash is just going to pile up. Animals might eat it and die. Also the earth is getting hotter and if it keeps getting hotter. We could go through a big drought. wild animals might not have enough water which means that they will not have a good chance to live.

Did you know that bald eagles almost went extinct because a weed killer made the egg shells too soft? The way the bald eagles would get the weed killer in their system is from eating the fish that had the weed killer in their system. The fish got it from farmers who used the weed killer. The weed killer was flushed out of the fields by the rain into the rivers and lakes where the eagles ate the fish. Then the Eagles got the weed killer in their system and it made their egg shells softer, so when they laid them they cracked when they hit a hard spot in the nest. Luckily laws were passed to stop the use of the pesticide and eagles are now able to hatch eggs.

Have you ever recycled something? Did you know everything recycle makes it into something new? So say if you threw away a plastic water bottle it could have been made into a swing set, another water bottle or even a car. All the trash that is thrown away usually makes it in a trash heap, into rivers, lakes or to the ocean. If the trash ends up in the ocean a big trash heap forms and sea turtles or other sea creatures can eat it. Then the sea creatures could die. That would not be good.

This Earth Day think about what you could do to help the environment and our beautiful state of Vermont.