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Earth Day!

Earth Day is a day we celebrate the Earth! Some people go outside and clean all the garbage that is outside, while others stay inside. Vermont is amazing, and a lot of other people love Vermont too. Some people love Vermont but instead of cleaning up they decide to throw their empty coke cans out their car window. I love Vermont's mountains, and fresh air. I want it to stay clean, and I want you to help. In these following paragraphs there will be ways to participate in Earth Day, as well as ways in which we are polluting the environment

I usually take a lot of walks. When I walk down my street I can see cans and bottles in the ditch. It makes me feel mad that people have the audacity to just throw trash out the window when they could throw it away in the recycling or a trash can. Sometimes I look over an edge and see trash piles everywhere, a lot of people just throw their trash outside like it's not going to harm anything.

How we are polluting our environment

Earth is not anyone's giant trash can, but some people treat it like that. If more people participate in Earth day our Earth might get clean. About 8 billion people live on Earth, and only about 1 billion people participate in Earth day. That's about 12.5% of the people participating.

The trash that people throw away all goes to the sewage that can pollute the land and water. Pesticides seep into water and kill animals. (Pesticides are a chemical that farmers use to get rid of insects).

It takes about 450 years to decompose a plastic bottle. Any animal can eat that and die, or get badly injured. If we pollute our environment a lot of animals and plants will die. Almost 100 million animals die each year from eating plastic. About 100,000 marine animals die from plastic too. Those are just the animals that people find.

Between California, and Hawaii there is a big trash island called The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. This trash island is 3x as big as France, and has about 1.8 billion pieces of trash floating around. This trash island kills thousands of marine animals per year.

Global Warming

Global warming is not a joke. It is happening because of greenhouse gasses trapping more heat in the atmosphere. This is making the temperatures rise, and droughts extreme. With these high temperatures a lot of ice is melting in the Arctic, and polar bears, reindeer, narwhals, and many other arctic animals are dying because of these wild temperatures.

Another way global warming affects the world is droughts. Droughts have gotten way more extreme, because of these high temperatures. SouthWest U.S.A have the odds of having more extreme droughts.

What global warming causes is horrible. We can all try to stop that by taking cars less, and using bikes, roller skates, scooters, etc.

Ways WE can save Earth

Anybody can participate in Earth day! You don't need to do much. You could get a trash bag and go to a nearby public beach, park, etc. You don't even need to travel far though, you can just go along your road with a trash bag and pick up trash.

You could walk instead of using a car. You could also use a bike, skates and so on. You could plant a tree, or buy local products. Use paper, or reusable bags when going shopping, and using metal straws. You could also participate on Earth day and clean up a local park. But you don't need to clean up only on Earth day!

Conclusion

In conclusion, Earth day is really important, but you don't need to just clean up the Earth on that day. There are so many ways people are harming the Earth, and there are so many ways you can help keep it clean.

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