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## Earth Day

Vermont is a beautiful place to visit, to live, or to just have fun here. It may look like a beautiful state, but if you look closely, there is lots to be done. And not just here, everywhere!. Have you ever seen lots and lots of trash on the side of the road? Or someone throwing something out their window. My guess is, it's trash. Over 1,000 pounds of trash get thrown out peoples windows, or tossed on the side of the road each year. The worst part is it makes our environment worse and worse every year. So maybe this year, or anytime you see a piece of trash on the side of the road, go and pick it up.

Lots and lots of people each year go around and help collect lots of trash, not just in vermont. Everywhere. By taking part in things like picking up trash, it will only make the environment better. Not only for people but for animals too. Wildlife becomes affected by all of the trash everywhere. Littering trash, or anything that can harm the environment is only making our environment less and less healthy. It also can cause fires in places because garbage can light on fire. Dropping one piece of trash, leads to another, which leads to our environment, which can lead to forest fires, homes being destroyed, and wildlife dieing, and nobody wants a dead, empty environment. Hopefully you won't be one of those people to contribute to that.

I bet you have told yourself that the one piece of trash that you're throwing won't do any harm at all. It's a single piece, how bad can it be..right? Wrong. The average amount of trash thrown by each person is 1,642 pounds per person. 6,570 pounds per family per year. Imagine how much trash is just piling up every single day. And mostly, there isn't anywhere for it to go, it all goes to a landfill. Which leads me to my next point. Recycling. Recycling helps a lot. Or just simply reusing plastic containers or plastic water bottles. Recycling is much healthier than just throwing your trash on the ground.

Sometimes, trash falls out of the backs of cars, which is not a good thing either. If you were driving on a highway, and you finish your soda, or something in a container and you just threw it out your window, it can sometimes cause car

accidents. Most likely it won't, unless it is a ton of trash. But, it is a possibility. Sea creatures are also very affected by it. There is over 5.25 trillion pieces of trash just floating around in the ocean right now. Think of how many sea creatures get stuck in it or eat it and choke on it. So if you ever see a piece of plastic or just a regular piece of trash on the beach, in the ocean, on the road or anywhere, please pick it up.

I hope that by the end of this, you are going to start picking up trash once you see it. Maybe you already do, which is great. Picking up trash is one of the best things to do for your town, or just the environment around you. Thanks for reading.