

Winning Essays
Grades 3-5

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How Does Recycling Help the Environment?

Recycling helps the environment in many different ways. It means a lot more trees help clean the air, so that everyone can breathe. Trees provide houses for animals like birds and squirrels. They could prevent mudslides from happening by keeping the dirt stronger. One of the most important reasons why trees are important is that they give us food, shelter, and other things that keep us alive.

Another way recycling helps the environment is by keeping the local landfills or dumps from growing bigger which means cleaner neighborhoods. You don't want a dirty town or neighborhood. The question is: do you want the earth to be covered in garbage? I personally don't want the earth to be covered in garbage. In my opinion, recycling helps keep the earth clean.

If we recycle, we don't have to worry about the environment and the earth being dirty and surrounded in garbage. You probably don't realize that when we don't keep things clean, we sometimes pollute the air. Polluting the air affects the environment as with not recycling. Polluting the air hurts our lungs, hurts the world, and causes us to lose our ability to breathe. By recycling certain items, it helps reduce the amount of pollution in the air around us.

Another reason why recycling helps the environment is that it protects animals. Recycling helps animals in the environment by keeping habitats clean and safe. If we don't recycle, fish and other animals will suffer and die. The world would not be that same without animals. Can you imagine the world without animals? Our world definitely would not be the same without animals. Recycling helps animals and our world.

Reduce- You should always reduce paper or bottles

Reuse- Reuse a water bottle when the bottle is empty.

Recycle- Recycle paper, water bottles, glass bottles when empty.

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Recycling can make a very big difference! If you recycle the world would be very different. Now I'm going to tell you three reasons why.

First of all, recycling saves trees. If we recycle we'd have more trees. What I'm trying to say is you know how trees make paper? If we recycle we don't need to cut as many trees which

will help the environment. Some ways trees help the environment is that trees give animals a habitat. Another way trees help the environment is trees provide oxygen that we breathe to stay alive. If you don't want them to cut the trees down then recycle paper.

Second of all, recycling save animals. Animals that live in water like fish and other sea animal will die from choking on a bottle cap. Also fish in the stream will die from getting stuck in a plastic six pack can holder. If you love animals then you would recycle.

And last, recycling keeps the earth from looking like a dump. If you pick up your garbage and recycle you keep the air and the earth clean. If you don't pick up your trash we'd have trash in the parks, ocean, and on the streets. Recycling keeps us, natural resources and animals safe. Now you know what I'm saying about how recycling can save our earth. I love my world and I hope you do too! So if you want a clean earth stop littering and start recycling.

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How Does Recycling Help the Environment?

Recycling is one of the three R's, reduce, reuse and recycle. Recycling means taking a product or material when its useful time is over and turning it into a useful raw material that can be made into another product. I am going to explain how recycling helps the environment.

The first way is curb recycling. It takes glass bottles, paper, plastic, steel and tin cans to be sorted, cleaned, crushed and remade into other things. By doing this it helps the environment by not cutting down more trees. They don't have to make new glass for companies that need to use bottles for soda and water and they melt down plastic to be used for bottles and containers for food and drinking.

Electronics recycling is another way to stop polluting the soil and water with mercury and lead. Instead of just throwing these things in the garbage, turn them into schools when they put out signs for recycling electronics like TVs, computers, video games, speakers, printers, DVDs and monitors.

Composting is the most natural part of recycling. Instead of putting food into the garbage, throw it into a composting bin and after it decomposes it can be used for growing more vegetables, trees, flowers and grass. It helps the environment by putting less garbage into the landfills.

When you recycle it helps the environment by using the compost to grow more plants which will put oxygen into the air and it will help stop global warming. With the curb recycling it helps by making less garbage and using fewer natural resources for a time when we really need them. By recycling electronics instead of just throwing them away it helps not to pollute water and soil with lead and mercury.