

Did you know...

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Did you know that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish?

Plastic is a big problem in our world. One million plastic bottles are bought every minute. One plastic bottle takes four hundred fifty years to break down. Once plastic breaks down, it doesn't go away. It just gets smaller and smaller. Plastic can be found on every place on earth, including antarctica, and islands no one has ever been on. We need to do something to make a difference. You can help our earth and slow this down, by reusing plastic and using reusable water bottles, grocery bags, and many other things.



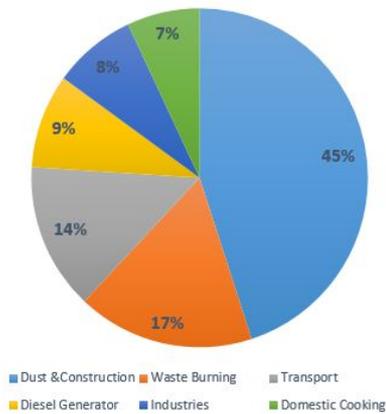
Did you know that every year the world produces 2.01 billion tons of trash?

When you throw away trash it goes to a landfill. Surprisingly, landfills are bad for the environment. In 1988 the Environmental Protection Agency proved that landfills will eventually leak. When it leaks the toxic chemicals from our waste can end up in our water supplies. A lot of people litter instead of throwing their trash out. When people litter the waste can end up in the ocean, lakes and rivers, affecting many animals. Litter can also be found in parks and forests where animals can eat them and get sick. You can help our earth by recycling. You can use less trash by reusing things and using materials you can recycle.



Did you know that 3.5 to seven billion trees are cut down every year?

Tree's play a really big roll in our environment. They serve as homes for animals and produce oxygen for us. Trees can produce enough oxygen for a day's supply for four people. But, so many trees get cut down each year. This is the cause for lots of animals to go endangered from habitat loss. You can help by planting a tree and/or spreading the word about trees being cut down.



Did you know that inhaling air pollution takes away 1-2 years of typical human life?

Air pollution is everywhere. Every time you drive somewhere you are causing air pollution. According to the American Lung Association sorted by ground level ozone New York is the twelfth top most polluted area. If you don't know what ground level ozone means, it is technically a greenhouse gas. Not all ozone is bad though, the ozone surrounding the atmosphere is good, it protects you from sun rays. You can help by riding a bike or walking instead of driving, carpooling, and lots of other things.

All these things are really bad for the environment. It would help more than you think to try to do something small like recycling, using reusable grocery bags, or even just riding a bike. Please, help our world stay healthy and happy.



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