
The Long Term Effects of Littering and Pollution on the Environment

Littering and pollution is a major issue around the world today. It affects all of our lives, and will affect us for years to come. Littering and pollution play a major part in our lives. Everywhere we walk and drive there is trash on the side of the roads, being thrown out windows, and dangling from trees. If we begin to help in even the smallest of ways we can change this. We could make the earth a better place. Our health would improve and not everything we touch would be made from un-recycled materials that would sit in a landfill for years.

The most common items thrown around is wastes from fast food.

Some people however may not even know they're littering. Some ways we can help with the problem is by switching from paper napkins to cloth, bringing old grocery bags or even cloth bags to use as grocery bags to minimize the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and etc. Just simple changes like this can help in solving this major issue. I have personally witnessed someone a few feet away from a trash can and still throw their garbage on the ground. About 9 billion tons of garbage are dumped into the ocean each year. Over 11.5 billion dollars each year are wasted on cleaning up garbage on the streets.

Our population should be well aware of what they are doing. Seventy five percent of people asked have admitted to littering in the last five years. Over time it all adds up.

The decaying garbage not only causes pollution from littering but also air pollution. Every year the air becomes muggier and muggier, especially in urban areas. If people took the time to recycle their garbage and throw away their garbage it would reduce our carbon footprint by 70%.

We all know our pollution has led to global warming. Our pollution leads to not only the death of arctic animals (as we very well know), but also to the death of many aquatic creatures also. If we all did our part we'd benefit ourselves. Our government would have to spend less money on cleaning up and more on things we actually think are important. Do your part and help reduce pollution.

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