

Ways to Make Your Community Greener

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Is your community green? Maybe, but a lot of our world is not. Did you know that 30,000 people die each year from car exhaust? Did you know that the US alone uses 46% of all the gasoline used in the world? That's not good. Here's what you can do to stop it.

A big way we can benefit our community is recycling. This is definitely not one of America's strong points. We as a country waste 4 million plastic bottles a year, yet only one of ten of these is recycled. We shouldn't waste the things our community produces, or there won't be anything left. Many people don't bother to recycle, but it's not hard. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours!



Pollution is also a big problem we are causing. Cars pollute the air and water. We humans are not careful about what happens to all the trash we produce. The average American produces 41 pounds of trash each day, and a lot of this, along with some other disgusting things like raw sewage and chemicals can end up in our oceans. Resolving never to swim there again isn't an answer, though. We need to stop this by reusing and recycling plastic, aluminum, paper, and glass.



Pollution occurs in the air as well as in water. Cars emit lots of pollution that is bad for us. The 20 gallons of exhaust for every gallon of gas that cars emit is giving us lung cancer and a two-year shorter life span. Breathing dirty air isn't good for us. We can stop this by using public transportation, bikes, or our own feet. Buses save gas because they hold as many people as 40 cars.

Being green is also about animals as well as humans. Have you ever been warned not to eat something at a farm because it had pesticides and chemicals that are unhealthy? Nobody warns the bees, and without them our ecosystem could fall apart. Things like unnatural air freshener are killing animals too because they include chemicals. There are ways to avoid this.

Another way we are responsible for animals' death is because we are taking their trees. We are not careful about how much wood we waste. We are turning their habitat into tissues and wooden toys. They could die because they have nowhere to live. We can stop this by not wasting paper. Use both sides of a sheet of paper and only take one napkin. There are lots of things you can do to help.

So in conclusion, be safe, clean, and healthy. You should plant a tree, start a garden, and recycle. You can make a difference! So start now. What are you waiting for?

