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Not many people know that when plastic isn't recycled it ends up in the ocean. When plastic ends up in the ocean it endangers the lives of tons of aquatic animals that live there. Just think that one plastic bottle you didn't recycle could very well affect the life of a marine life. This is why recycling is important : it keeps plastic out of the ocean and it save a lot of resources that we have so little of.

When people recycle they are helping to keep that plastic out of the the ocean. It's not good that the plastic ends up in the ocean because a lot of the time the animals like turtles and fish might mistaken it for food and eat it. When the animals eat the plastic they can die from starvation because they think that they are filling up on food but they actually aren't and they die. The plastic sometimes might even affect us humans. You're probably thinking how can a simple plastic bottle of water affect you but it can. When the plastic is in the ocean and the fish mistaken it for food and eat the toxins that can be found in plastic. Now say a fisherman goes and fishes and that fish that ate the plastic gets captured and is shipped to a restaurant and somebody at that very restaurant orders fish. Now the cook is preparing the fish that ate the plastic for the consumer. The person eats the fish and soon later gets sick from eating the fish. The person is now in risk of get something like cancer from the toxins that were in the plastic that the fish consumed and then the consumer later consumed. Would you still want to eat fish?

When people recycle they save a lot of time and resources. When plastic is recycled it is not being put in landfills where it stays and takes many years to decompose. Recycling is something that is easy to do but most don't do. When people recycle it helps to reduce the amount of trash that is produced and helps to save a lot of non-renewable resources. As stated in the article "benefits of recycling" by recycling we can better protect the environment. "By reducing the amount of trash produced and reusing existing materials, we can all make a difference by protecting the environment,

conserving natural resources, and sustaining the planet for future generations."(Text3). By recycling we are better insuring a future for our kids and their kids. If we didn't recycle then we won't have a lot of the resources we use such as trees. A statistic in the same article as before "benefits of recycling" says that if we didn't recycle paper then we would have to cut down more and more trees "Recycling saves non-renewable resources. For example , by not recycling paper, 80% more wood will need harvested by 2010 to meet growing paper consumption demands…(Text3)" . If we had to to cut down more and more trees then who knows how many trees would be left in the future of our kids and their kids. If the weren't trees there wouldn't be oxygen which is something that is very important we need in order to breath.

Although there are some people that think recycling is good there is also some that think it is very bad for the environment. There are tons of people that think not all things get recycled that are recyclables. In the article "Can recycling be bad for the environment" it explains that things that are recyclables can be recycle half way. What i mean by this for example is cardboard, cardboard is recyclable but when it is in the recycling facility it gets processed and melted but when it's melted there are particles that come of which aren't recyclables. Gerry Fishbeck, who is apart of the organization called the United Resources Recovery Corporation (URRC) he's the vice president said that "... PET recycling stream but when it's melted down it will create brown particles in the resin, creating color problems with the resulting material. " So even though it's recyclable, that material will get separated out and disposed of as waste at the recycling facility," Fishbeck explains."(Text 2). Although it is a recyclable it can has chemicals in it that are dangerous.

As you can see recycling is important because it helps to insure that we will have a better future by preserving the non-renewable resources we have so little of. Recycling indeed is important because it keeps plastic out of the ocean which saves the lives of the animals in the ocean and maybe even you. Recycling keeps plastic out of other countries that don't necessarily make the trash. Also plastic is important because it saves resources