Recycling + Pollution

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Have you ever heard the saying, “Be part of the solution, not the pollution**.”** Today I will be talking about the issue of recycling and pollution. Pollution can be caused by littering and not enough trash bins and because of it, animals get hurt, but we can use recycling to fix this. Let’s find out more about this topic.

The first thing I will discuss is trash. There is pollution all over the world, especially in our oceans. When I go to the beach, I don’t see very many trash bins, and there is some trash on the beach. Pollution comes from not having enough trash and recycling bins. People have nowhere to put trash, so it ends up in the water or on land. Pollution also comes from people who don’t want to find a trash bin even if it’s close by. Then they end up just throwing it on the ground. Also, people don’t have trash bags in their cars so they might throw it out the window.

According to “marine debris” on nationalgeographic.org, pollution and littering are dangerous to all wildlife including plants and animals. Many ocean animals are harmed by pollution. One example is that sea turtles think plastic bags are jellyfish and they choke on the bags. Sea turtles also get plastic wrapped around their flippers which makes it hard to swim. Animals don’t know what is food and what is not, so when they see plastic they think it is food and they end up choking. They also can get trapped or stuck in plastic bottles or metal cans.

According to national geographic.org, one way we can prevent pollution is by recycling. Recycling is better than throwing something in a trashcan because recycling makes the trash into something new. We should be putting more recycling bins in more places. Also, people can try keeping trash bags in their cars instead of throwing it out the window. We should put way more trash and recycling bins on beaches. We can also organize groups to clean up parks and beaches, and take the trash to be recycled. I like to find a trash can as soon as I need it instead of putting it off until later. That way I don’t forget.

In conclusion, pollution happens when people litter. It ends up on land and in our oceans. It hurts many living things, especially animals. One way we can prevent pollution is by recycling. We can build more trash and recycling bins in more places. We can also volunteer to go to parks and beaches to pick up trash. I hope we can all learn from this and recycle more. Remember, “Be part of the solution, not the pollution.”My name is Fiona and I approve this message. Thank you.