



The oceans are in danger,
but **you** can save them!

What is **ocean pullution**?

Ocean pullution is when substances created or used by humans, such as waste, particles, plastic, or excess gasses enter the ocean. Plastic particles and other substances may end up in the ocean as a result of littering or improper garbage disposal techniques. Plastic particles are small enough to be accidentally consumed by ocean animals such as fish or sharks who may choke on such objects. Toxic chemicals that are put into the ocean kill marine life, which harms the overall ecosystem.

How **dangerous** is it?

Even though plastic trash is extremely harmful to the ecosystem, invisible particles, and chemicals, are often more dangerous than the more visible pollutants. These chemicals not only harm ocean life but also harm creatures that depend on products from the ocean, such as us humans. Many everyday products such as salt, and seafood come from oceans. However, pullution is rapidly making these products toxic. Scientists estimate that by 2050 there will be more trash and chemicals in the oceans than fish and other marine life. Ocean pullution is not the only factor causing harm to the seas, overfishing is also extremly harmful to marine life and those who depend on it.

How can **you** help?

_____ helps prevent more plastic from entering the ocean, always recycle plastic, paper, and metal products when possible! Make sure you recycle the different matierals in the correct bins and do not mix different matierals.

_____ to advocacy organizations that help pass laws to prevent pollution, such as _____, helps prevent more pollution. Donating to organizations that physically clean trash and other polutants out of the ocean, such as _____, helps undo some of the damage already done to the ocean.

_____ others on what ocean pullution is, how it's effects are consequential worldwide, and how to help prevent it, can help others prevent ocean pullution.

