

Repercussions of Neglect: Understanding the Impact of Waste on Our Planet

Have you ever wondered what the consequences of waste are? Well, they aren't as easy and motionless like when you throw a "Happy" meal out of the window and say it's no big deal. When thinking about issues like ocean pollution, animals dying over plastic, and global warming, it is clear the consequences of waste can't just be thrown out the window.

Have you ever heard about the great Atlantic plastic patch that is the size of Texas!? Maybe you have, maybe you haven't. The great Atlantic plastic patch is a "Great" part in ocean pollution. The great Atlantic plastic patch is a giant patch made of plastic, like I said, the size of Texas. This patch is formed from the ocean currents pushing all the garbage to one spot. Ocean pollution isn't just based on that, but also fishing nets, hooks, plastic shopping bags, bottle caps and all sorts of waste. No matter how big or how small, it needs to stop.

Out there somewhere on this planet right now, there is an animal dying because of plastic digestion. From the documentary "Plastic paradise", they cut open dead Albatross to find half a dozen tiny plastic pieces in the organs. Now we might ask ourselves, "Why is this happening? Why are all those birds eating all that plastic?" It is because of things like "the Great Atlantic Garbage Patch" and one-use bags, and water bottles polluting the earth and the places where those Albatross live. It needs to stop.

One huge consequence of waste is global warming. Global warming is bad for the earth because fossil fuels that make CO₂ is creating air pollution. This makes the earth's atmosphere warmer, which is causing caps to melt and that makes the sea level rise which is flooding our homes, which just says to me, whatever we do bad just comes back to us. Whatever comes around, goes around. It needs to stop.

In summary, when thinking about ocean pollution, animals dying over plastic, and global warming, it is clear that the consequence of waste can't just be to throw it out the window. So

maybe today, gather a few friends and clean up the trash in your town. Or, recycle the piece of paper that you usually throw in the garbage. If we do all these little things each day, we can make the consequence of waste stop.