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Keeping Our Planet Clean

Every day we throw away waste from our homes, schools, offices, and factories. This waste is collected in trucks, then some is recycled, and some is burned or put underground. What do you do with your waste?

Too Much Waste

People throw away too much waste. In some countries, there is not enough space to put any more waste underground. Some things that we throw away, like plastic bags, refrigerators, and cars, will stay underground for hundreds of years.



In the USA every person produces more than 2 kilograms of waste every day. So for the whole country that's more than 232 million metric tons!



Waste Makes Pollution

Sometimes, people throw waste into rivers, lakes, or the ocean. Human waste and waste from factories also pollute water. More than a billion people in the world do not have clean water to drink. Every day, people die from dirty drinking water.

Some people leave waste on streets, in the countryside, and on beaches. This pollutes our planet, and it's dangerous for animals if they eat the waste.



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