



Protecting Our World, United as One Because we care!





What do we know about Our Natural Resources?

What do we really know about nature's resources?

<u>Water</u>: It is a very important resource because it's what gives our plants liquid so they don't dehydrate as well as us human beings.

Without any water, our planet would die and everything in it.

<u>Air</u>: It's another important resource because Air is crucial for many different organisms ,for various reasons.

One of the main reasons: it is important for humans because it contains oxygen. Furthermore, it enables the removal of our waste CO2 - which is taken up by photosynthesizing plant life.

It provides us with a medium through which we interact with our ecological environment ... other life forms on the planet. It is a major part of the biosphere.

<u>Trees and plants</u>: Plants are IMMENSELY important in our planet because they are the ones that ENSURE our food such as fruits and vegetables. And how can we forget that plants are the ones that transport "oxygen" to our environment?

So as we speak these resources are very important in our lives and it's up to us to save and protect them so we can make our world a better place. Because we care!!!!

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 Our Planet's problem is definitely our problem and should become our main concern in the years to come!!!Un fortunately, nowadays, most of the people live their lives as if nothing occurs around them ... overwhelmed by daily problems, they seem not to care about what is actually happening in today's world.

Here are some of the Problems that our planet is suffering of:

- **1.Contamination** (pollution)-affecting air (CO2 exhausts, urban development)
 - water (toxic waste, household garbage dumping)
- -soil (pesticides, destruction of natural ecosystems)
 - 2.<u>Deforestation</u> and ground sliding (taking down trees for constructions, for charcoal or to make fields of crops.)
- 3. Extinction affecting animals and plants
- 4. Global warming, caused by the icebergs melting, ozone layer thinning

As citizens of this planet we should care-for us, for our children, for our life in the future!

Have a look at what humanity has done !!!!



Solid Trash everywhere



Water Pollution (river)



Deforestation



Dead animals Thrown on the side of the streets

Feasible Solutions

Not only must we know and understand the damage we cause and how to solve the problem, but we must TAKE ACTION and do our part -make things happen. It's about all of us. You TOO are part of this. Consequently, we all have to take action and do our job properly.

- How can we minimise POLLUTION?
- -we could use <u>biodegradable household cleaners</u>, <u>environmentally-friendly detergents and cosmetics</u>;
- -we should plant trees;
- -we could try and use public transport more;
- -we could maximise the use of alternative energy sources(wind/solar energy)
- we should protect animals, by preserving their natural ecosystems
- It's our job, our responsibility. We are the ones who can IMPROVE our way of life.





- Culebra has one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, with fine sand and clear water, being surrounded by an oasis of "green".
- The point is that Culebra is a wonderful place but everything can change if people keep throwing garbage and pollute the water.
- It's catalogued as the third most beautiful and cleanest beach in the world.
- So wouldn't it be great to keep it that way?

The beautiful side

"El Salto de Collores is a beautiful place in Puerto Rico. The owner –who has been living there since the 90's – is Don Lemuel Echevarría. He has maintained "El salto" (the waterfall) very clean and the area around it.

- Also he has control upon the access of people entering the waterfall so they won't pollute it.
- He has been also planting plants in order to increase the vegetation around his house and the waterfall.

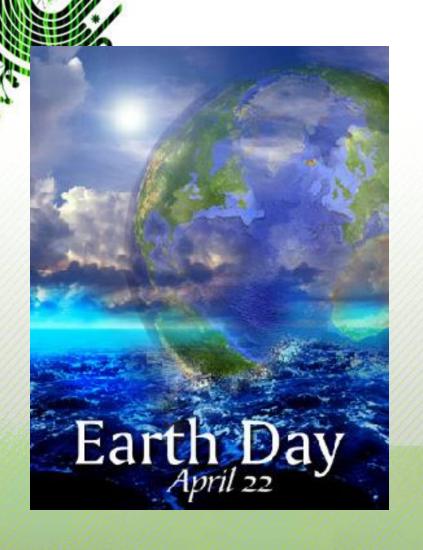




<u>Chores are more fun</u> Change your normal household cleaning products to bio-degradable and eco-friendly products. This also has a soft odour not as strong as chemical products. It doesn't contain any chemicals at all so it's safer than most products.

- lights, camera ,action! You could help us by changing your halogen light bulbs to fluorescent light bulbs so you would waste less energy and conserve our planets natural energy.
- <u>drip...drop...drip. drop... Fix all leaks!</u> Just because it's a drop at a time doesn't mean that when you sum it all up you couldn't probably fill up a gallon one day.
- Washing up When you wash your teeth, wash the dishes, take a bath, water the plants or even when you take your dog for a bath don't leave the water running, turn it off in the meantime.
- Wow! what a pretty flower. Plant a tree or a flower to help maintain the air cleaner and make your community more beautiful.
- Remember, YOU could make a difference! I hope that these basic suggestions can help
 you get started in improving your community and our worlds resources, Remember one
 person can make one huge difference in one community!





 Earth Day is a special day because it's the day that people gather to clean our planet. Please turn off your lights on April 22 to help us protect our environment.





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for your attention!

