

We must all use plastic more wisely

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Picture 100 years from now scavenging the dry dusty lands for just a drop of water. You think back to the times where you had shelter from the scorching sun and a cool refreshing bottle of water to quench your thirst. Does that future sound appealing to you? I think not, that is why I think we should all use plastic items more wisely by using them less, recycling more, and having more ways to recycle. I believe using plastic more wisely will do a big part in keeping our home green and having your next sip of frozen lemonade or that bite into that delicious hot dog or if we don't stop it it will be a scorched dog.

To begin with, we can prevent that horrid future is using less plastic. A way we can accomplish this is we can use more reusable items instead of plastic all the time. You can use a reusable bottle instead of a plastic one also, you could buy a lunch bag instead of a plastic bag everyday. Some people may say reusable bottles and lunch bags are expensive and plastic is cheaper. What my opinion is, over time the price adds up making reusable things not only better for the environment but in the long run less expensive. A way we can use less plastic is finding different ways to store every day things. For example, a sandwich instead of use a zip lock bag you can use a reusable sandwich pack you can buy for two dollars. You could also get a bag with a pocket that does the same thing that a plastic folder does but is two times more useful because it won't fall apart on you. My last way to use less plastic is we can make garbage and recycling bins out of something other than plastic. Plastic is breakable compared to things like metal making it less resistant meaning more of a waste. Making them out of metal makes them more resistant and gets more of a use out of it than plastic bins do which is a long time.

The next way to wisely use them is make sure we're recycling them. We could make biodegradable plastic so no matter what we end up recycling. We could also open a job at dumps to sort the trash from plastic items. People might say its pointless because dumps doing that would take forever. My response is the longer it takes the more jobs there are the more jobs the less homeless people two problems solved at the same time. The another way to accomplish this is having more recycling bins. When I go to places I usually see two trash cans and one recycling bin and I think if there's only one it takes away a chance to recycle meaning we can't be sure we're recycling. Another way is having recycling bins in homes. In my house I have a cabinet which holds my trash can, my idea is we could put another cabinet next to it with a recycling bin so we can be sure we're recycling. My last way is instead of having separate bins for each item we could just have one big bin that holds all recyclable items so they all get recycled. This will be a good solution for beaches too. Have you ever found a beer bottle in the sand or washed up in the beautiful navy ocean? Well I know I have and using a big bin will help take away almost all the clutter on our beaches making your paradise vacation a complete paradise.

Lastly, a way we can use plastic more wisely is having more ways to recycle. A way to do this is we could have a recycling truck and still have the garbage truck. Another way is we could make plastic more reusable and tougher. Some people might say that making plastic tougher will make it harder for the recycling centers jobs harder then they already are by having them more resistant. My thought is, will it? Think about it, if you use them more then more than once it will make the bottle brake down which makes it like a normal water bottle or plastic bag. My last way is there could be a way to brake down plastic when there's too much plastic too recycle so there would be no chance plastic could trash up our planet and our lives. Some ways we could to this is we could melt it which is different from burning it which is a problem, we could use machines, and we could just build a storage units that can hold hundreds of plastic items at a time to wait until they can be recycled.

In conclusion, the more wisely we use plastic the more we can prevent over one hundred degree days or not having that sip of ice cold water. In the future we could have a day just like that but, its not the future which means we have ways to prevent it. The ways we can prevent it is using less plastic, making sure we're recycling the plastic and not throwing it out, and having more ways to recycle. Doing all those little thing actually makes a huge difference in the world. I know you can find ways to make sure our green planet stays green too.