

Essay on Pollution: How to Reduce It

The world that we live in now is badly affected by pollution. The rivers and seas are polluted. The air is polluted. The land is polluted. Consequently the things we drink, breathe in and eat are all polluted.

This sad state of affairs does no good for our health and well-being. Pollution is virtually destroying the place we live on Earth. If pollution is allowed to go on and on we will surely destroy ourselves too. We ought to value our planet for it is only place we can live in. If we destroy it then we are also finished.

Eliminating pollution completely is impossible. So it is important that we try to keep pollution to a minimum. There are many things that we can do to reduce it.

The very first thing for everyone is to stop dumping rubbish anywhere they like. Throwing rubbish seems to be the favorite pastime of everyone. So we see piles of rubbish on road sides, in ditches and drains, in backlanes and often on main roads too.

What rubbish do people throw away? Empty cans and bottles, sweet wrappers, plastic bags full of smelly stuff; dead animals, broken toys, broken TV sets, food, old cars and kitchen sinks are items that can be found in the rubbish dumps. Perhaps we could recycle the things we use instead of simply throwing them away. We could, for example, reuse glass, metals and plastics. We could cook only what is necessary instead of throwing what we could not eat. We could keep our cars and sinks in good working order instead of abusing them as many of us do now. Then we would have less rubbish to throw. Consequently there would be less rubbish dumps and less pollution.

Motor vehicles are a major cause of air pollution. They emit much exhaust fumes. In big cities this pollution has reached levels that pose a threat to the health of the city dwellers. Some cities have already advised their residents to wear gas masks when they venture onto the streets. The only way to reduce this pollution is obviously to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads. This is easier said than done for very few people would want to sacrifice the convenience of having one's own transport.

Factories and industrial plants are largely responsible for pollution of the air, water and land. The waste they discharge into the rivers and and destroy both. The smoke they emit pollute the air. What they must do is to find ways to reduce their wastes. Also they have to treat their wastes so that they are less harmful. Then they have to find ways to reduce the smoke they emit. All these things are required if we are to see any reduction of pollution. At the rate things are going however, we see increase in pollution instead.

Whether we can really reduce pollution and thus save our planet is up to us. Pollute it more and we shall perish.