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Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Landfills are places where useless junk is placed and covered with soil, but do you wonder where the trash comes from? Do they come from animals who don't know what reuse means? Did they come from dinosaurs that roamed the earth a long time ago? Did they come from sea animals that were tired of plastic and other waste materials that invaded the oceans? Well, the truth is, they come from humans that took out their trash. Isn't there any other way to get rid of the trash that takes up this space? There is a way, and it's called reducing, reusing, and recycling.

What is reducing, reusing, and recycling, and how can it possibly help us? Let's break it down. Reducing means making a smaller amount, like decreasing in size. Reusing means using an item over and over again, so it doesn't go to waste. Finally, recycling means the action of processing waste into a reusable item. These 3 words may seem meaningless, but they are actually the key to a better environment.

In order to reduce the amount of waste in landfills, we can reuse some things. The plastic bottles you buy from the store can be reused by using it as a drinking bottle. Whenever you're going on a walk or the park, you should refill these bottles with water in case you get thirsty. Plastic bottles take 450 years just to decompose, so it won't be fun throwing those away. Most plastic never breaks down, so it just ends up in places. You can use reusable bags instead of plastic bags to reduce and reuse. You know the egg cartons you buy from the grocery store? Why not use them to grow plants? That way, you can reduce the amount of waste and help create a healthy environment.

Recycling, an action a lot of people do, but not all of them. Is there a way to recycle? There is a way. You can separate your garbage. You can throw out food scraps in one bin and throw paper and cardboard into another. The food scraps we throw away end up in landfills, but glass, cardboard, and paper are broken up and go into a process to be made into something else to be reused, so it doesn't go to waste. Have you ever taken a walk through your neighborhood and spotted some trash on the ground? That's someone else's trash that they just threw on the ground instead of in a garbage can. This is called littering and could cause an unhealthy environment. You could pick up their trash and throw it in a trash can for it to be recycled.

These 3 words are the key to a better environment. We shouldn't ignore these words whenever we hear or see them. A lot of people dream for a better environment. Instead of just knowing what these words mean, let's use them to make the dreams of most a reality.

