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My name is Evan Clifford and I go to Hermon Dekalb Central School. I live in Dekalb. Did you know that over 100,000 marine mammals die from eating plastic? How I think I can help is to use reusable bags and not so much plastic.

How I think we can reduce the use of plastic is to make plastic items paper. For example plastic straws and plastic bags should be changed out to paper so the animals that eat all the plastic don't die from eating the plastic. The change would really help all the sea creatures that get trapped in the plastic. When we recycle it helps! We can't continue to use so much plastic because the birds can't eat without getting some type of plastic in their digestive system, microplastics! Did you know that there are over 300 million plastic bags in the ocean right now. One way that we can get it out is don't mix up the plastic bags with the garbage. I think that what could help is not to throw the garbage in the bottles and the cans in the same trash can.

Did you know that California was the first state that had switched to paper bags and not plastic bags? New York has followed their lead. The reason why is because 86% of people in stores use their own reusable bags at their store. As a result 85% of plastic bags were reduced in everyday use. That's why they switched over to paper bags.

This is why I think we should reuse our stuff so the plastic garbage number will go down. This is my way to help the environment, to stop using plastic items.





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