



Looking After the Environment for Our Future

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What Does Looking After the Environment Mean?

Looking after the environment means taking care of our planet—its forests, oceans, air, soil, and all the creatures living in it. It's about making choices today that won't harm the world for your children, grandchildren, and everyone else tomorrow. Think of it like looking after a garden: if you don't water the plants or remove weeds, the whole garden gets sick.

Think of it like... borrowing a toy from a friend. You need to return it in as good condition as you found it—or even better. We're borrowing Earth from future generations, so we need to keep it healthy.

Why Does the Future Matter?

Everything we do today affects tomorrow. If we cut down all the trees, there won't be forests for future people to enjoy or breathe clean air from. If we pollute rivers, fish die and clean water becomes scarce. If we release too much **carbon dioxide** into the air, it traps heat and causes **climate change**, making weather more extreme.

The good news? We still have time to fix many of these problems. But waiting makes it harder and more expensive.

How Can We Look After the Environment?

There are three main ways: **reduce**, **reuse**, and **recycle**. Reduce means using less stuff—fewer plastic bags, less energy at home. Reuse means wearing hand-me-downs, fixing broken things, or giving toys to friends instead of throwing them away. Recycle means turning old materials into new products instead of burying them in landfills.

You can also help by walking or cycling instead of driving, eating less meat, planting trees, and telling your family about these ideas.

Think of it like... being a superhero for Earth. You don't need superpowers—just smart choices every day that protect the planet.

Who Looks After the Environment?

Everyone does! **Governments** make laws to protect forests and oceans. **Companies** are switching to cleaner energy. **Charities** work to save endangered animals. And **families** like yours make choices about what to buy and how to live. When millions of people make small changes, it creates a huge impact.

Looking after the environment isn't just one person's job—it's all of us working together to make sure Earth stays beautiful, healthy, and full of life for everyone's future.