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# Wow, Water!

by ReadWorks



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Our Earth has a lot of water. People need water. Do you know why?

We need water to drink. Water keeps our bodies working well. We need water to cook some food. We need water to wash our bodies. How do you use water?

# Don't Waste Water

by ReadWorks



Drip, drop! Drip, drop!

That is the sound of a leaky faucet. One drop of water is not much. Many drops of water can add up to a lot. Just one leaky faucet wastes some water.

People, animals, and plants need water. What can you do? Make sure you turn off the faucet. If you see a leaky faucet, tell a grown-up.

Listen! Do you hear water dripping? Do not let water go to waste.

# How Trees Help

by ReadWorks



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Did you know that trees are helpers? Trees are plants that clean our air.

There is a gas in the air that can be dangerous to people. Tree leaves take in that gas. The leaves use that gas to make food for the tree. Then the leaves give off a clean gas. The clean gas goes into the air for us to breathe.

Trees also give us shade on hot days. Trees give us food to eat. Trees give some animals homes. Thank you, trees!

# How Plastic Is Recycled

by ReadWorks



Things made of plastic can be recycled. They can be made into something new.

People put plastic into bins. Workers take the plastic to a factory. The plastic is sorted. It is washed. Then it is chopped. The pieces are dried. They are heated and they melt. Finally, they are put into water to cool.

Now the plastic is new again! It can be used to make new things.

# Save Your Paper, Help Earth

by ReadWorks



Do you throw away pieces of paper after you use them? You can do something better: Recycle! When you throw things away, they become trash. Too much trash hurts our planet. Also, we would have to cut down more trees to make new paper. That would hurt Earth too.

Today many people recycle paper. When used paper is recycled, it is turned into new paper. Less paper is put in the trash. Fewer trees are cut down. Recycling is helpful to Earth!