The Great Garbage Patch

We must stop polluting!

What is the Geat Garbage Patch?

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, half-way between Hawaii and San Francisco, there is floating trash that is thought to be twice the size Texas. Trash comes together in this area because of a giant circular ocean current that pulls in the trash we have dumped into our oceans. This type of current is call a gyre (pronounced ji-er).

The trash in this swirling mass consists of mostly plastic items. It's trash from fishing expeditions, beach picnic supplies, tooth brushes, plastic shopping bags, water bottles, straws, and much more. Most of these products we really don't need to use. If we absolutely need them then we must dipose of them carefully and recycle when possible.

Imagine how sick the birds and sea creatures are because of our using one-time use plastic items when we don't have to use them. Plastic bags from our shopping expeditions aren't needed. We can use reusable bags. Straws from our malts or beverages aren't needed. Say no to plastics, especially water bottles!

Are we plastic people? What can we do to help?

The Great Garbage Patch is the biggest of 5 patches found in our oceans. They are all over the world. Is it worth it to use so many plastics? Let's stop being plastic people!

On this Polluting Plastic link make a list of the items that you and your family will stop using. List what you will use instead.

Make a video clip about how concerned you are about the Great Garbage Patch. Tell people how to stop being a plastic person. Email the video to KSE.