Why Water is Important

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**Introduction**

Water is the most important resource on Earth. We are all wasting way too much water every day. If there was no water on Earth, there would be no life at all. No animals, no sea life, no us, not anything. So, there are many reasons why water is so important. Now, let’s get on with it.

**Ways that we use water**

We use water for a lot of different things. Drinking, washing, watering, cleaning, cooking and it makes up more than at least 90% of our bodies. There is water in the oceans and seas, and it is essential to the survival of sea life and creatures. Especially fish, who need it to breathe. The other uses of water are that it can be used to generate electricity and it’s used to make paper. That’s why it is important that we don’t waste it or misuse it as it forms an essential part of our daily lives.

**Ways that we waste water**

Everyone in the UK uses about 150 litres of water every day. One bath uses 80 litres of water. Showering uses as little as a third of that amount. Maybe we should all start showering instead of taking a bath. Also, a full load in a washing machine uses 65 litres of water. You should wait until you have a full load before you wash your clothes. Every time you flush the toilet, it uses 2.5 litres of water. Using special bags in your cistern saves a lot of water. A dripping tap can waste up to 4 litres of water every day. Turning off the tap when brushing your teeth can save 12-18 litres of water. The average hosepipe uses 170 litres of water every 10 minutes. You should use a watering can to water your plants as it uses less water.

**Water pollution**

Water pollution is growing every-day. When you’re on the beach, please pick up all your rubbish as it can get into the sea easily. In the ocean, sea life can accidentally mistake plastic for food and get stuck in it or even worse, eat it. Plastic is always being thrown into the oceans every-day. In factories, poisonous waste is produced which is thrown into the water and can harm the sea life or even kill. Cargo ships at sea can crash into rocks and start oil spills which are as harmful as poisonous waste.

**Drinkable water**

Two-thirds of the Earth’s surface is covered with water. 3% of that amount is freshwater. 0.3% of that amount is suitable to drink. 68% of the Earth’s freshwater can’t be accessed because it is in glaciers.

So, that is why water is important and we all should enjoy the access to water that we have and not waste it.