





If you've ever visited the sea shore, you have probably been amazed by the size of the ocean. Because the oceans are so big, humans have made the mistake of believing they are a safe place to dump things. And we're not just talking about trash.

Since the beginning of the industrial revolution, humans have been using the oceans as a place to dispose of manufacturing chemicals, scrap materials, garbage, and even the radioactive waste from nuclear power plants and nuclear-powered ships.

Without clean, healthy oceans, very bad things start to happen. Populations of fish and other aquatic life die off. People who depend on aquatic life for their jobs and their food begin to suffer. And the consequences will be worse as people are directly exposed to chemicals and radioactivity. In the past few years, more and more beaches have been closed because the ocean water is toxic to swimmers, surfers and boaters.

The oceans are huge all right—but they are not big enough to be the dump for the human race. We must keep them clean!

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