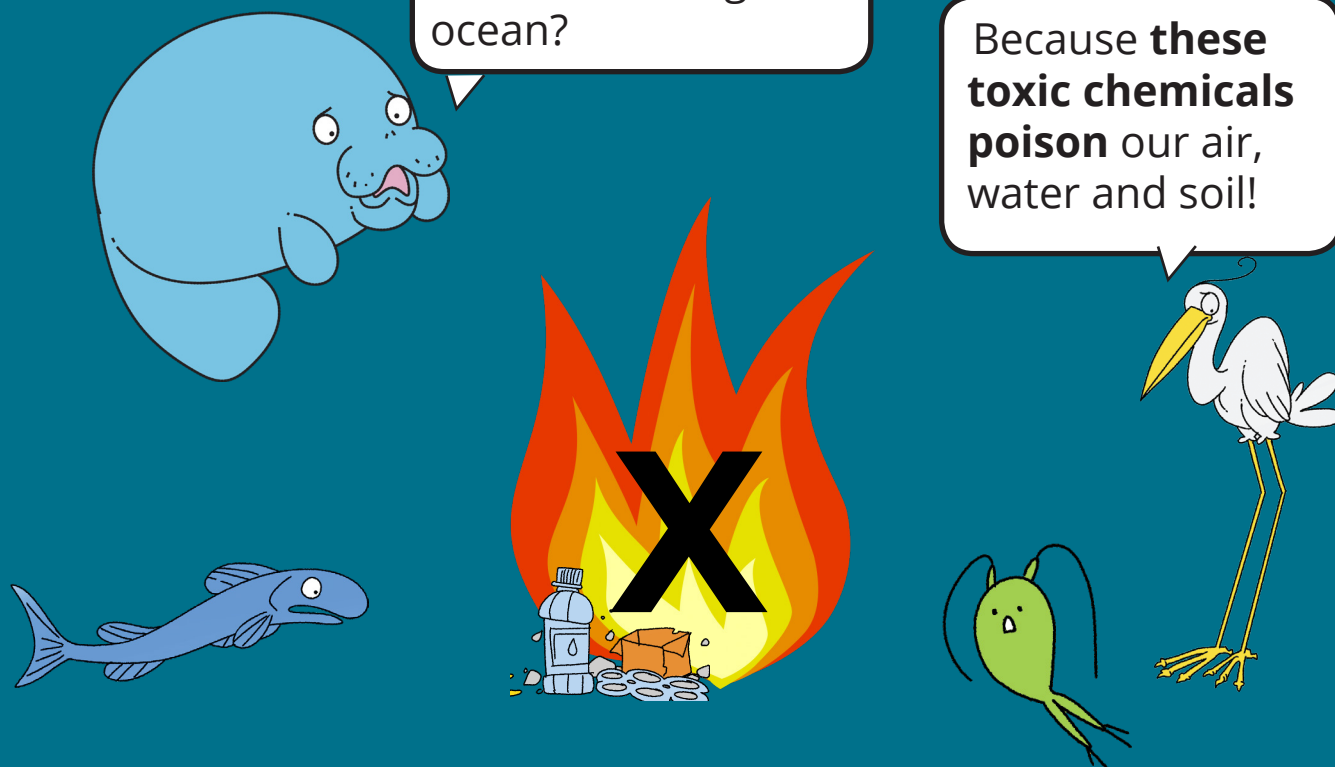


Why we should avoid burning plastic

Setting fire to garbage such as garden waste is a common way of disposing of it. But if there are plastics in the garbage, they release toxic chemicals when burnt.

Why **shouldn't we burn plastic**, it stops it from reaching the ocean?

Because **these toxic chemicals poison** our air, water and soil!



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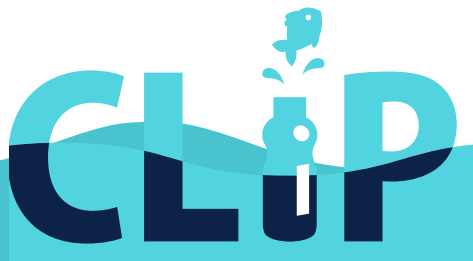


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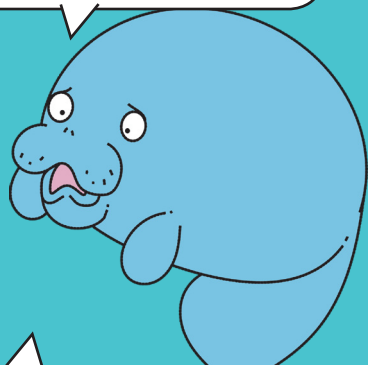


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Don't burn your trash!

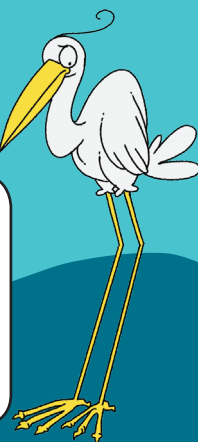
Burning plastic releases **toxic chemicals** into the environment!



The toxic chemicals from burning plastic will affect everyone in **your community**!

Breathing in these toxic chemicals can cause serious **health problems** such as respiratory illnesses.

People can also be exposed indirectly through **eating** contaminated plants, meat, fish and dairy.

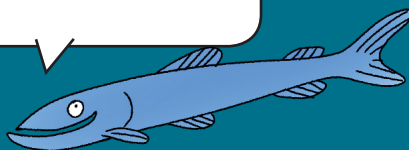


These chemicals can **contaminate** water supplies and the marine environment, entering the food chain, causing harm to me and my friends!

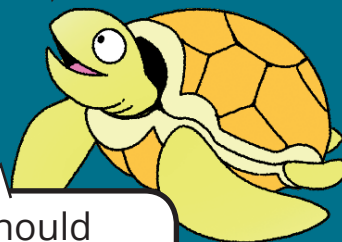
The toxic chemicals stay in the environment for a **long time**.



Greenhouse gases from the burning of plastics contribute to **climate change**!



Instead we should take plastics and other materials out for **recycling**!



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