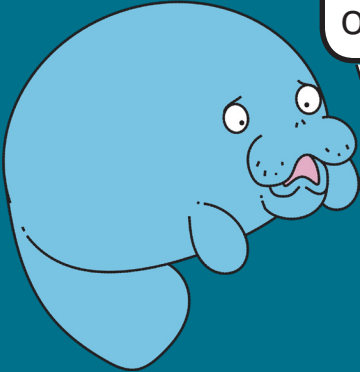
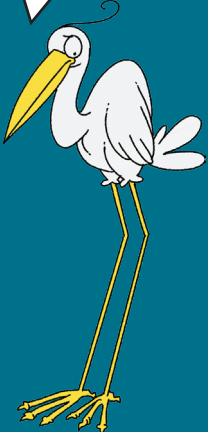


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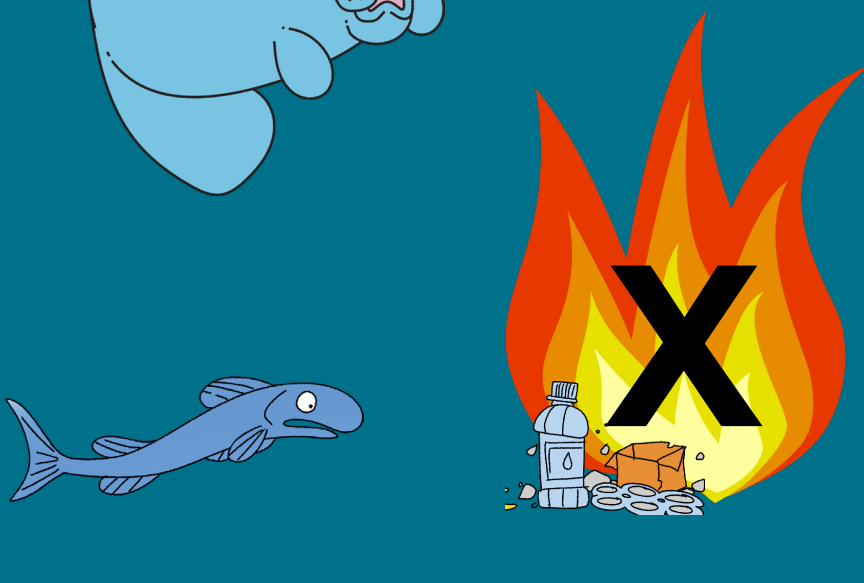
Setting fire to garbage such as garden waste is a common way of disposing of it. But if there are plastics in the garbage, they release toxic chemicals when burnt.



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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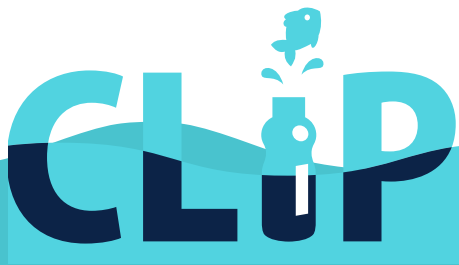
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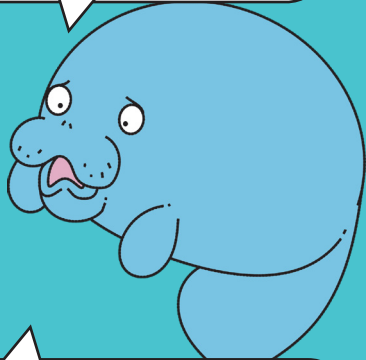
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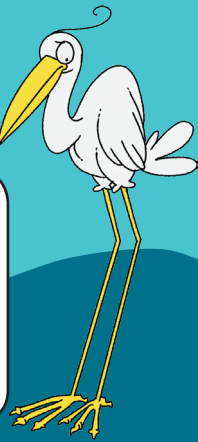


Don't burn your trash!

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



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



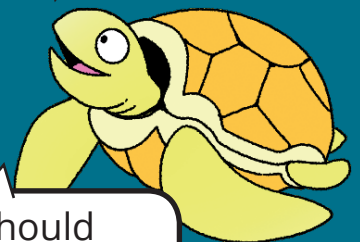
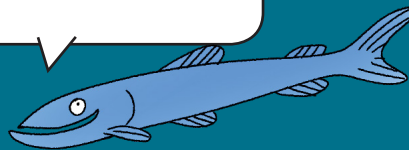
Breathing in these toxic chemicals can cause serious **health problems** such as respiratory illnesses.

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!

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

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



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



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