



Trees

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*H*ow do trees help our environment and Earth? They are an important part of our environment and help us in many ways. Trees give us oxygen, wood, paper, and more.

*O*ne big reason trees are important is that they give us oxygen. The leaves on trees gives off oxygen which we breathe in through our mouths. We could not survive without the oxygen we get from trees.

*T*rees also give us wood. When you walk by a house that is being built you notice how there is a lot of wood. Trees are a big part in building most houses. Think if we did not have trees, it would be really hard to build houses. They also help us with boats. Today boats are mainly built out of metal, but the Indians used wood boats all the time. (You see pictures of it in Social Studies.) Indians had to use what was around them, so they used a lot of

wood. Some would build houses called long houses that were made all out of wood. That is probably why we make houses mostly out of wood today.

*Y*ou know how people say paper is made out of trees, it is true!!! Paper may not look brown, hard, and have green leaves, but in factories they turn wood into paper. If there were no trees, we would not have paper so we would do things more like cave men and women. (Writing on stones)

*T*rees also bring us fruits. If we did not have fruit trees, many fruits would not exist. For example, people who love oranges say goodbye! Without fruit trees there would be no oranges or orange juice. How sad would that be!!!!

*A*s you can see half of the world is practically trees, trees , and more trees. Trees give us oxygen, wood, paper, and even fruit. When I think of trees, I think of nature and being good to our environment. Then I think of recycling and how important it is. Trees are a wonderful thing in nature. They are getting cut down too much and too fast. When you cut down a tree, remember to plant one too.