

Caring for Our Planet Quiz #2 Answer Key

Caring for our Planet – Water

1. True or False: Over 8 million tons of waste end up in our waterways each year.

TRUE

2. What are the floating “islands” of trash in the oceans called?

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3. True or False: Plastic will eventually decompose and go away.

FALSE – Plastic breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, microplastics, and does not decompose.

4. Name a reason microplastics in waterways and oceans are bad.

Microplastics become part of the marine food chain when plankton eat them and in turn are eaten by larger animals and so on.

5. True or False: Over 1 million marine animals are killed each year because of plastic pollution.

FALSE – over 100 million marine animals are killed each year because of plastic pollution.

6. True or False: Less than 9% of the plastic produced is recycled.

TRUE