



Books

Silent Spring
by Rachel Carson

*Teaching the Trees:
Lessons from the*

Forest by Joan Maloof

Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit by Al Gore

It's Easy Being Green : A Handbook for Earth-Friendly Living
by Crissy Trask

The Lazy Environmentalist: Your Guide to Easy, Stylish, Green Living by Josh Dorfman

The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas Kostigen

Wake Up and Smell the Planet: The Non-Pompous, Non-preachy Grist Guide to Greening Your Day by Grist Magazine

Web sites

Channel.NationalGeographic.com

www.duke-energy.com

www.earth911.org

www.NRDC.org

www.edf.org



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Going Green
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Building Tomorrow Today
Think globally—Serve locally

Project Ideas

PLANET SAVING PROJECTS

- * Incorporate environmental theme books into current literacy projects
- * Make Discovery Kits for science and social studies teachers related to environmental standards
- * Donate water conserving showerheads to Habitat for Humanity Project
- * Collect energy-saving electric bulbs for seniors
- * Plant drought tolerant plants at a local park, school, senior facility, etc.
- * Encourage proper disposal of batteries, old paint and other hazardous household materials
- * Promote the use of reusable grocery tote bags
- * Sponsor Earth Day poster or writing contests
- * Host a Population Connection workshop for teacher CEU credits
- * Conduct a chapter contest encouraging members to reduce water/electrical consumption
- * Join an Adopt a Highway team
- * Organize a neighborhood cleanup

Why

WHY GO GREEN?

According to the US Census Bureau the world population will expand to over 9 billion by 2050. If the world's natural resources continue to be consumed at the present rate, the people



of 2050 will have only one quarter of the resources that people enjoyed in 1950! In order to promote environmentally responsible behavior, we must identify and support acts of conservation every day. Did you know...

- * One half of all energy usage in the US is controlled by individual consumers.
- * 40% of the energy that home electronics use is consumed in standby mode, plugged in but not being used.
- * Leaks account for about 15% of all household indoor water use.
- * One third of all household waste is paper. 14% of landfill space is taken up by newspaper alone.

Program Ideas

PLANET SAVING PROGRAMS

- * Read and discuss Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* or other books on environmental issues
- * Collect and discuss current environmental articles
- * View an environmental program and discuss
- * Invite a panel of speakers (Utility Company, City Waste Management, etc.) to share conservation information
- * Sponsor a *Population Connection* Workshop
- * Invite local legislators or city leaders to discuss water conservation and/or waste disposal
- * Share school recycling projects
- * Host a community discussion on nuclear power or windmill generators
- * Attend the Eta State Professional Development activity on science and math, March 2009
- * Host a *Paving the Planet* debate on community growth
- * Invite a local extension agent to speak about water collection & composting