

Together We Can Make a Difference

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Global warming is killing our world. This is a life or death situation, and we need to act NOW! Ice caps are melting, animals are dying and coral reefs are disappearing. We can watch as our world melts away, or we can demolish buildings, and build an entirely new energy efficient world. That may be going too far, but you get my point. It is our responsibility to care for the environment because it is the only one we have. The environment can be helped by individuals, groups and the national government.

Going forward, there are many things I can do to conserve energy. To begin, I can easily decrease my paper use by carrying a USB, versus printing constantly, or I can use cloth instead of paper napkins. Second, I could reuse disposable utensils from school during a picnic in my backyard. Also, I can encourage my Dad to buy rechargeable batteries for electronics, in order to save money and conserve energy. The most difficult change I can make is reducing the time of my showers. By cutting my showers down from 10 to 5 minutes, and using a low flow shower head, I could save 23 to 48 gallons of water. The environment can benefit just by my small changes.

Implementing a “Green Day” at schools would be a great way to share tips with students on helping the environment. One activity could be a “sorting game” where teams would sort bottles, cans, and paper into recycling bins. In another game, students could guess which of two objects are more environmentally friendly. Also, we could have a “Green Lunch” where students and faculty bring their own “real” plates and silverware that they bring home to wash after. Green Day would be an informative and fun way to educate students on how to help the environment.

President Obama could best protect the environment by setting an example for the world to follow. For one, he should purchase only Energy Star products and use recycled paper in the White House. Additional solar panels can be installed on the roof of the White House. Also, he could also participate in public green events. For example, he could take part in a local cleanup, organize a “lights out” day, and plant a tree in a Washington park. Moreover, he could use hybrids instead of traditional cars, cut down on his travels, and fly on commercial planes instead of Air Force One. Leading by example is the best way President Obama can motivate the world to “go green.”

Because our earth is the only one we have, it is our obligation to care for the environment. Everyone can help our environment even through small changes. I can take shorter showers, groups can do neighborhood cleanups and President Obama can “green” the White House. To ensure a healthy planet for generations to come, conserving energy and cutting pollution should be #1 on everyone’s “environmental to do list.”