



Going Green

is in

Your Hands

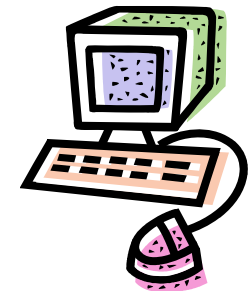
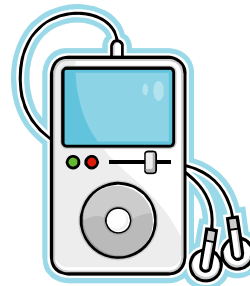
Implementing a Personal  
Environmental Plan

# Why Go Green?



**The simple answer –**

**everything we depend on for  
life and enjoyment comes  
from the earth.**



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**6.8 billion people  
on earth and  
counting....**

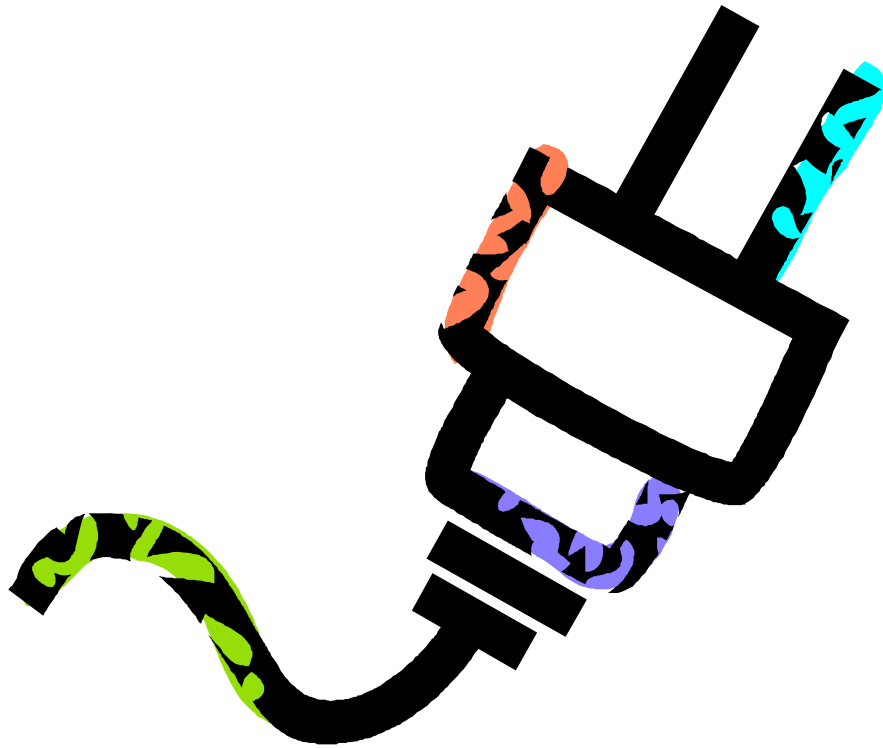


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**The US generates about  
300 Million Tons of  
Garbage Annually and  
Recycles about 30  
percent of it.**



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In our area about  
50 percent of  
our electricity  
comes from  
**coal** and 39  
percent from  
**nuclear power.**

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**More than 800 square miles of mountaintops in Appalachia have been removed for access to coal.**

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**Less than 1% of the world's fresh water (or about 0.007% of all water on earth) is readily accessible for direct human use.**

**An American taking a five-minute shower uses more water than the typical person living in a developing country slum uses in a whole day.**

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**Almost 1/3 of CO<sub>2</sub> produced in the US comes from cars, trucks, and planes.**

**Average global temperature has increased by almost 1°F over the past 100 years; scientists expect the average global temperature to increase an additional 2 to 6°F over the next 100 years.**



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**It's the right thing to do.**



# Go Green!

- **Personally**
- **At School**
- **At Home**
- **In the Community**



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## Personally

The choices you make have a huge impact on the earth.

Will you drive your own car to school, take public transportation, or walk?

Will you buy only what you really need or everything you want?

Will you choose foods and products based on environmental impact?

Will you use fewer resources?



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## At School

**The choices you make have a huge impact on the earth.**

**Will you advocate for and participate in green policies at school (for example, a recycling program)?**

**Will you avoid purchases and activities that are wasteful?**

**Will you speak up when you see people littering or recycling improperly?**



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## At Home

The choices you make have a huge impact on the earth.

Will you turn the AC up and the heat down?

Will you take shorter/fewer showers?

Will you turn lights off when they're not needed?

Will you shop for EnergyStar electronic products?



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## In the Community

**The choices you make have a huge impact on the earth.**

**Will you advocate for and participate in green policies for your community**

**Will you volunteer for green activities?**

**Will you donate time and/or money to help others green up?**



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## In Your Career

**The choices you make have a huge impact on the earth.**

**Will you choose a career that can make our world a better place? Will you choose a green career?**

**Will you bring green practices to your workplace?**

**Will you refuse to work in a job that causes environmental problems?**



# Go Green with a Personal Environmental Plan!

- **Commit** to making the changes that you can make.
- **Pick** areas you think you are most likely to succeed with first OR areas that highly motivate you.
- **Celebrate** your success.
- **Share** your success story with others!





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