

Let's talk about AIR

On the Way to Earth Day

Hi. I'm ED the Earthman. Did you know air is an important part of our world? All people, animals and plants need to breathe clean air. Cars, trucks, buses, power plants, factories and other sources pollute the air.

There are many ways that you can help reduce the amount of dirty air (air pollution) in Missouri. Riding together (carpooling) is a great way to reduce pollution. When people carpool, it reduces the number of cars on the roads releasing pollution. Riding the bus is a form of carpooling. By riding the bus to school or around town, you are able to use only one vehicle to move many people.

It is also important to save power (energy). The more energy you use, the harder power plants have to work, and the more pollution they release into the air. There are many ways to conserve energy. Simply turning off the light when leaving a room saves energy and reduces pollution. Can you think of other ways to save energy?

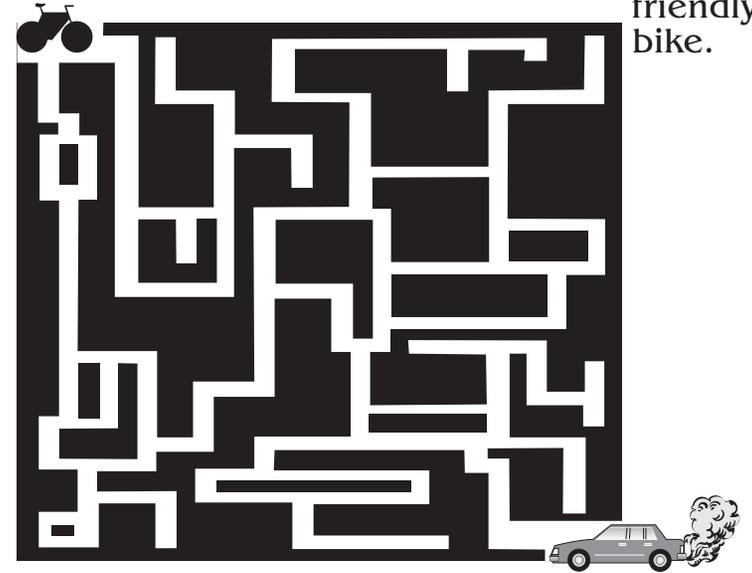
By reducing the time you spend in a car and the amount of energy you use, you can reduce air pollution in Missouri.

If you would like to learn more about air and energy issues, call the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-361-4827 or visit our Web site at www.dnr.mo.gov.

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Help ED the Earthman get from his car, which pollutes the air, to his environmentally friendly bike.



ED the Earthman says...

1. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
2. If safe, walk or ride your bike to school.
3. Carpool with a friend or neighbor to school.
4. Turn the TV off when you are not watching it.
5. Ask your parents to buy rechargeable batteries.
6. Turn off your stereo, TV and computer before going to sleep.
7. Buy things that can be reused instead of disposable items. You will reduce air pollution and save energy, landfill space and precious natural resources.



✓ Check these Web sites out!

Energy Star for Kids - www.epa.gov/nrgystar/kids.html
KidzZone - www.energy.gov/kidz/kidzone.html
Dr. E@s Energy Lab - www.eren.doe.gov/kids/
Energy Quest - www.energy.ca.gov/education/index.html



Look for these words in your newspaper!

Air
Smog
Ozone
Carpool
Conserve
Reduce
Energy
Emissions
Pollution
Power Plant
Environment

