



Let's talk about EARTH DAY

On the Way to Earth Day

Hi. I'm ED the Earthman. Did you know that we started celebrating Earth Day 37 years ago? That's right. Gaylord Nelson, a former U.S. Senator, started Earth Day back in 1970.

Everything you do can change (impact) our air, land and water. Over your lifetime you will use power (energy) and create many tons of garbage (waste and pollution). Pollution prevention (controlling waste) is the first step you can take to help.

Learning about your environment is the next step. What kind of businesses are around you? Does your city have a recycling center? Is there a group of volunteers who improve your streams (Stream Team) in your area? What does your school do with your lunch leftovers? Did you know you can build a worm compost bin (vermicomposting) and feed those leftovers to the worms?

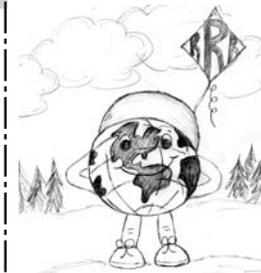
You can make a difference ± and you can start by celebrating Earth Day with me. I will be celebrating Earth Day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on April 20, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can learn more about the event at www.dnr.mo.gov/earthday. If you can't join me, then check your newspaper for Earth Day events in your area. Let's make everyday Earth Day!

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



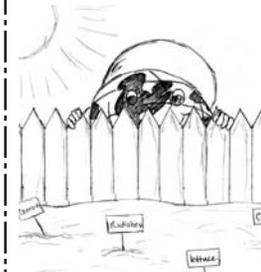
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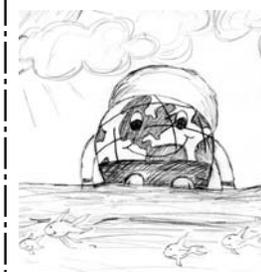
AIR and ENERGY Tips

1. Use energy efficient lighting in your home.
2. Ask your parents to buy rechargeable batteries.
3. Don't touch that dial - the thermostat that is. Try to keep it at a steady temperature.
4. Clean or replace the air conditioning filters at least once a month.
5. Ask adults if their car gets a regular tune-up every 10,000 miles and if the anti-pollution controls are working properly.



LAND Tips

1. Recycle your unwanted toys - give them to charity or a day-care center.
2. Find new uses for waste materials. Be creative!
3. Make a list of things you can do with this newspaper after you are finished reading it. Try one!
4. Save brown bags and reuse them to wrap gifts. You can decorate them with colors, paints, markers or cards that you have received.



WATER Tips

1. Keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator instead of letting the water run until it's cold.
2. Never dump gas, oil or other toxic materials down the drain or on the ground.
3. Don't use water to clean your sidewalks and driveways - use a broom.
4. Water evaporates quickly if watered during the day, so water in the morning or evening. Don't over-water the lawn ± it doesn't make it greener.

Celebrate Earth Day - April 22