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Attention All Students

Indiana needs your help!

You can make a difference, so take the first step and go green.

Go green!
Help your teacher to make your school a "Green" school by doing your part. By helping your school become a "Green" school, you are helping your community and our environment.

Reduce, reuse, recycle.
You can help keep trash out of landfills! Reduce your waste. Recycle aluminum, plastic, glass and paper. Reuse items when possible.

Establish a vermicomposting program in your class.
Vermicomposting, also known as worm composting, is the process of turning food scraps and other organic material into a rich, soil fertilizer by using worms. This reduces waste and helps your school.

Encourage your parents to make environmentally-friendly decisions.
There are lots of things you can encourage your parents to do to help our environment. Tell them to buy groceries in bulk and pack your school lunch in a lunch box to reduce waste.

Never litter!
Littering is very bad for our environment and is against the law. Litter can pollute our water and can poison animals and pollute their habitats. Make sure to recycle when possible, and throw garbage away in a trash can.

Start a letter writing campaign.
Organize a group of classmates to write letters to your government officials requesting that they take some "Green" steps. Ask them to vote on laws which protect our environment.

Turn the lights off when you leave a room.
Even a simple act, like turning off the lights when no one is in the room, can save a lot of energy. The same goes for televisions, radios and computers.

Explore a career in environmentalism.
Environmental careers can be very exciting! Environmentalists play an important role in studying our planet and educating the rest of us about what they learn.

Plant a tree.
Trees are important to our planet. Not only do the leaves on trees create oxygen for us to breathe, but trees provide us with fruit, nuts and wood. Plus, they make nice homes for lots of animals.

Shut off the water while you brush your teeth.
Do you leave the water running while you brush your teeth? If you do, you are wasting water. Make sure to always, always shut the water off while you brush your teeth.

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