

Be Seen Going Green!

A District 31 Green Team and PTC Initiative

Earth Week 2009 Project: Family Green Goals!

*What will you do to help our planet stay green
and conserve energy?*

As an Earth Week project this year, the District's Green Team is asking everyone at Winkelman and Field Schools to talk to their family members and establish "Family Green Goals" that you can work on together to help our planet stay green.

Some simple suggestions on how you and your families can help our environment are listed on the back side of this flyer! Talk to your family about making a commitment to doing at least three of the items. There is also space on the form to list your own ideas.

Place a check mark by the items you will be working on throughout the year. Have your family members sign the form and return it to school on Friday, April 24. "Be Seen Going Green" stickers will be distributed to all students who return a signed form to their classrooms. After discussing your environmental goals in class, you can take your form home to display and remind you and your family of your "Family Green Goals" every day.

*Together, we can make a difference
and set an example for others to do their part
to save our planet's environment!*

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Our Family's Green Goals—"Earth Day is Everyday"

Tip!

Reusable Bags
* The PTC is taking orders for reusable lunch bags and shopping bags during Earth Week with the District's "Be Seen Going Green" slogan. Order forms are being distributed at school during Earth Week and are available on our web site at www.district31.net.

Tip!

One ton of recycled paper spares 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 3 barrels of oil (126 gallons).

Tip!

Turning off water while brushing teeth/shaving can save at least 2 gallons in one brushing session. It can save a family 4,200 gallons of water per week. If 10,000 people turned off the water while brushing/shaving for a year, 18.25 million gallons of water would be saved—enough to grow 160,000 loaves of bread.

Transportation

- Walk or bike to school (with parents' permission).
- Car pool to school (students)/Car pool to work (parents).
- Parents will not idle car while waiting for students in the car line before or after school.

Other: _____

Recycle

- Pack lunch in a reusable lunch container.*
- Bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery and other stores.*
- Recycle old newspapers, magazines, paper products, glass and aluminum.

Other: _____

Home Energy Conservation

- Check for leaky water faucets in your home.
- Conserve water (take short showers, don't leave water running while brushing your teeth, etc.)
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes in home appliances.
- Switch to CFL light bulbs for energy savings.
- Lower thermostat in the winter; raise thermostat in the summer.
- Conserve electricity by turning off lights, the TV, video game systems in unused rooms and unplug appliances not in use.

Other: _____

We want to "Be Seen Going Green" by working on our Family Green Goals all year! (sign names below)
