

**Environmental Protection Begins In...**

# Your Own Backyard



This Earth Day season is a good time to begin new habits to protect our natural resources. Each of your actions may be small, but if everybody works together we'll do a lot to protect our environment.

## 4 Easy Things YOU Can Do to Protect the Environment



**Ask your parent if you can walk, take a bus or ride your bike places.**

It is a waste to drive cars short distances. Fewer cars on the road will save gas and reduce air pollution. If you must drive, ask your family to plan your route to use the least amount of fuel.

**Keep the refrigerator closed.**

Think about what you want before you open the refrigerator door, then open the door, get what you want and quickly close the door to save energy.



**When you are done using the computer or TV, turn it off.**

When you leave a room turn off the lights. Turning off appliances uses less electricity.

**Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.**

Wet your toothbrush before you brush, then turn off the water, brush your teeth, turn on the water and rinse your toothbrush so that it is clean for the next time you brush. You will save clean, fresh water.

