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Recycling in WCPSS Middle Schools

End of the Year: How to "Be Green"

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With the school year wrapping up, and summer adventures just around the corner, it is a good time to remind ourselves how easy and important it is to be green every day. "Going green" means making environmentally responsible or eco-friendly choices about what we use, eat, and buy. Being green is a choice each of us can easily make every day. So, as you clean out your desks, lockers, notebooks, and book bags, remember you can easily be green by recycling used papers and reusing school supplies that are still in good condition. And once you are enjoying your much-

deserved summer break, remember being green is

and more people every day, so try to help your



More and more people are adopting "green" attitudes and lifestyles; have you?

as easy as remembering to turn off the lights or television when you leave a room, or to use a ceiling fan to cut down on A/C usage, and to *always* recycle! The green movement is catching on with more

friends and families "go green" too by choosing to stick to a "green" lifestyle.

Tips on how to "Go Green":

With each others support, there is no reason each family or classroom cannot go a little green.

Conserve water by installing low-flow shower heads and toilets. While gardens need watering in the hot

summer months, wait until the end of the day to water them, this way your hard work wont evaporate right away.

Using reusable bags when shopping cuts down on the amount of grocery bags

that take up space in the landfill.

Starting a compost bin in your backyard is simple and reduce a significant amount of kitchen waste. thrown away, and can reduce cost as well.

Green Facts

- Using a compact fluorescent light bulb can save up to 75% of the energy compared to normal incandescent light bulbs
- The typical American household spends over \$1,600 on utility bills each year
- Last year 54 billion aluminum cans were recycled and saved 15 million barrels of oil

Check It Out

- http://goinggreeny.com/Green_Guide/Children_Activities.php
- <http://www.kidsbegreen.org/>
- <http://www.kidsrgreen.org/krg.html>
- http://www.thinkgreen.com/?gclid=CKikpev_tJoCFQSPFQodqz_5cA