



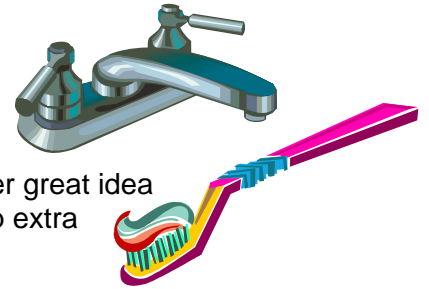
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Home Reduce/Reuse/Recycle Check List for Children:

Do this quick, ten-step home reduce/reuse/recycle check list with an adult and find out what you can do to conserve energy

Water Conservation

1. Save water by turning the water off when you brush your teeth!
2. Put a bucket in the shower/bath under the faucet while you are waiting for the water to get warm – then take that water and use it to water your plants and flowers! Or take a shallow bath (remember, it will get deeper when you get in!).
3. Help your parents do the dishes all at one time! That saves water – another great idea is to have your own cup and use it all day long. That way you don't dirty up extra dishes and it saves dishwashing water.



Electricity/Gas Conservation:



1. Go around your house or apartment and make sure all the lights are off in rooms where there aren't any people. If you are too small to reach the light switch, ask an adult to help you!
2. What temperature is your thermostat set at? See how much energy you can save by setting the air conditioning above 78° in the summer and the heat below 68° in the winter months.
3. Have fun after dark by turning off the house lights and seeing how many of your appliances are in "stand-by" mode – how many lights do you see blinking? Your television? Your microwave? Believe it or not, even while in stand-by mode, they are still using electricity! Turn them off to gain a lot of energy savings at night or turn them off completely to save energy all day and all night.
4. Search your appliances (washer, dryer, dish washer) for the ENERGY STAR® symbol. Did you find it? Then your home electronics are designed to help save energy and the environment!



Re-Use/Recycle:

1. Do you have any extra clothes that you can't wear anymore? Share them with families you know and watch your younger friends grow up wearing your clothes, or donate them to an organization that will reuse them.
2. Can you recycle? Your neighborhood or community might have curbside recycling – help mom or dad out by taking out the recycling every night to the bin. Or create your own recycling bins by decorating cardboard boxes and sorting glass, paper, and plastic into them (Line the boxes with a trash bag to prevent dripping!).
3. Reuse – Paper! If you are having fun drawing, make sure you use both sides of the sheet of paper.



Some fun web links to help you go further with your energy audit:

<http://www.southface.org/index.htm> Southface Energy Institute helps promote sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through research, education, advocacy and technical assistance programs.

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/education/lessonplans> The United States Department of Energy has a whole website full of educational activities for kids on energy and how to conserve it. Although the site says it is for teachers, there are plenty of fun activities that are easy to do at home.

www.energystar.gov ENERGY STAR® web site explains their rating system and how you can save money with ENERGY STAR® products.

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