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Sharing and Caring for Nature Together

Go Green Family Tips

Working some green habits into the family household can make a big difference to the planet. If you haven't already, consider making these actions second nature in your household:

- **Paper or Plastic? Neither!** Keep reusable shopping bags in the car. If you forget your bags and you're only buying one or two items, tell the cashier not to bag your purchase.
- **Rediscover the Local Library:** Consider borrowing books instead of buying them.
- **Brush with Care:** Leaving the water running while brushing teeth can waste a surprising amount of water. Remind your family members to use just enough water to wet their toothbrushes, then to turn it off until it's time to rinse.
- **Beware of Vampires!** Unplug "wall warts," those boxy black power plugs that are warm or hot to the touch. These "energy vampires" continue to draw power even when the appliances that they're attached to are turned off. They are a growing source of energy waste.
- **Turn it Off:** Putting your computer into "sleep mode" when you're away from it saves some energy, but if you're not going to be using it for a couple of hours, you can save a lot more if you turn it off. That goes for overnight, too. Contrary to popular myth, turning your computer off does not harm it.
- **Wind it Up:** Rather than buying a plug-in alarm clock or clock radio, get an energy-independent wind-up clock.
- **Pour it In:** Rather than packing plastic beverage bottles or throwaway juice boxes for trips and school lunches, put drinks in a reusable stainless steel or insulating bottle. Let your child pick out his or her own bottle.