

Here's What You Can Do – (First Earth Day)

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1. Over population creates **environmental** havoc. If you must have more than two children, adopt the others. Support the dissemination of birth control information. Support abortion legislation.

2. The automobile is the No. 1 polluter. If you must have a car, buy a small, efficient model. Pick up hitch-hikers, participate in car pools (don't drive alone: you create more pollution and congestion).

3. Patronize public transportation; use buses and subways. Oppose new highway programs which only encourage more traffic and, thus, more pollution. Insist that footways and bicycle paths be part of transportation planning. Help bring back the railroads.

4. For short distances, walk or ride a bicycle.

5. Don't permit poisons in your food, in your water, in your home:

a. let your local grocer know what you think about poisons in the food you buy from him
- boycott him if he seems unimpressed;

b. patronize organic farmers and food stores selling organically grown food.

c. **oppose** the use of herbicides in local waterways (do you really want them in your drinking water?) ;

d. learn to control insect pests around the home and garden organically (do you really know what is in that spray can?) .

6. Schools train leaders and mold opinions. Make sure yours is training people to be sensitive to ecological issues.

7. Oppose sound pollution: sonic booms from the SST (being built with your tax dollars), Muzak. Oppose sight pollution: billboards, littering, urban sprawl. Support strict regulation of unnecessary internal combustion engines (e.g., snowmobiles, trail bikes, and motorboats)

8. Packaging equals Pollution. Return all packaging materials (plastic and paper bags, cardboard cartons, plastic wrapping, no deposit/no return cans and bottles) to the store, OR, remove all unnecessary packaging materials before you leave the store, OR, better yet, bring your own reusable containers for the produce you buy.

9. Do not wear wild animal furs. All are from endangered creatures.
10. Support the creation of parks and wildlife sanctuaries.
11. Support a disposal tax on the sale of new automobiles to fund the recycling of old cars (after usable parts have been removed) .
12. Make sure that local industry and government do not pollute our common air and water.
13. Recycle wastes: newspapers, metals, garbage (through sewage treatment plants into useable compost).

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