

# Going Green



## Tips On Encouraging Kids To Go Green

(NAPSA)—There is good news for parents and teachers who want to encourage young people to “go green.”

There are a number of practical ways to encourage kids to become more environmentally aware. For example, here are some tips from a book series that encourages young people to protect the environment:

• **Give children their own little container garden.** Kids love having their own space. Allow them to take the responsibility for planting and caring for their special little garden.

• **Provide children their own special tools.** Put together a small garden bag for them with a mini hoe or spade and garden gloves. This will make them feel excited about gardening.

• **Encourage them to take part in the entire gardening process.** They should help with the planting and nurturing of their garden, but they should also do the harvesting and preparation of what they grow.

• **Start with seeds.** It may seem easier and faster to buy starter plants, but kids will learn much more by actually seeing the entire cycle from seed to plant to fruit. You can start seeds indoors when it is still chilly outside and then transplant the plants when the weather warms up.

In addition to gardening, there are other ways to help kids go “greener,” such as explaining the benefits of:

- Turning off running water when it’s not in use,
- Using energy-saving lightbulbs and
- Recycling paper, plastic and aluminum.

The tips are offered in both English and Spanish.

### Going Green Every Day

These and other ideas can be found in the “Jordan & Justine’s Weekend Adventures” series. The books feature two African-American youngsters and a host of their multicultural friends from India, China and South America. The



**A popular book series built around the socially responsible adventures of two young people is offering tips on how to encourage young people to become environmentally aware.**

reoccurring themes of their weekend adventures involve environmental stewardship and social responsibility.

The author of the series, Tanille Edwards, says, “Going Green in 2015’ is a theme that connects young people with living green every day. The ecology facts are educational and the tips helpful to reducing the carbon footprint. ‘Plants: Parts 1 & 2’ and ‘Wildlife: Parts 1 & 2’ are additional titles from the children’s ecology series, with facts and tips on animal care, earth science, and the food we eat.”

The series has established a strong presence in schools, libraries and museums across the country. The “Jordan & Justine’s Weekend Adventures” stories have contributed to the corporate culture of numerous national and global corporations. In addition, many children have used the book to create science projects, do their homework and gather information for science fairs.

All the books in the “Jordan & Justine’s Weekend Adventures” series are available on Amazon, BN.com, iBooks, OverDrive, Follett, Ingram and everywhere books are sold.

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