

# Celebrate The Earth Every Day

## Learn How You Can Help Reduce The Risks Of Global Warming

(NAPSA)—It may seem hard to believe that we can actually change the Earth's climate, but scientists say greenhouse gas emissions generated from human activities are making our planet warmer. According to the scientists, average global temperatures have increased by about one degree Fahrenheit over the past century, and are expected to keep rising over the next hundred years. It may not sound like much but even a small increase over a long time can have a big impact. Businesses and states are taking action to address the risks of global warming. The good news is we can all be part of the solution, by taking simple steps at home to help the environment.

Most people don't realize that the average household can be responsible for nearly twice the greenhouse gas emissions as the average car. The leading source of greenhouse gas emissions is energy production; whenever you operate any product in your home that runs on electricity, a power plant is most likely generating that electricity, by burning fossil fuels (such as coal and oil), which produces greenhouse gases.

To help reduce the risks of global warming, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers suggestions for actions you can take that will make a positive difference, right away and every day.

Start by looking for products that have earned the Energy Star®



for energy efficiency. Energy Star qualified products prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency criteria.

There are other actions that we can all take to reduce energy use, save money and help protect the environment, including:

1. Replacing your five most frequently used lights, or the bulbs in them, with models that have earned the Energy Star;
2. Heating and cooling your home smartly;
3. Sealing your home with adequate insulation; and
4. Helping to spread the word that energy efficiency is good for our homes and the environment.

Celebrate our earth every day, by making the right choices that will contribute to a better environment for your family and community.

For more information on how you can make a difference, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).