

Gifts That Give Back All Year Round



(NAPSA)—Did you know that the average home can cause twice the greenhouse gas emissions as the average car? That's why protecting the environment can start in your home. This season, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging you to make your next home electronics purchase one that has earned the Energy Star® for energy efficiency.

Home electronics products that have earned the Energy Star prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency criteria set by the EPA.

By 2015, home electronics and small appliances will be responsible for over 40 percent of all household electricity used in American homes.

The average home has roughly two TVs, a VCR, a DVD player and three telephones. If these items in every home were replaced with Energy Star qualified models, it would prevent over 20 billion pounds of greenhouse gases, which is equivalent to the emissions of more than 1.5 million cars.

You can find the Energy Star on many of the newest home electronic products, from HD-ready and LCD TVs, Digital Video Recorders, and DVD players to surround-sound home theater systems. These products have the same features and stylish designs as standard models but use less energy and help protect the environment. And they're made by major manufacturers and avail-



able at the retailers you recognize and trust.

Looking for products that have earned the Energy Star is one of five simple actions you can take to help improve the environment and save money. You can also:

1. Change your five most frequently used lights to Energy Star qualified models;
2. Heat and cool your home smartly;
3. Seal your home with adequate insulation;
- and 4. Help spread the word to your family and friends that energy efficiency is good for your home and the environment.

The typical household spends \$1,500 a year on energy bills. By choosing Energy Star you can save up to 30 percent in energy or more than \$400 a year on your energy bill.

This season and all year round, look for the Energy Star and give a gift that is good for the environment.

To learn more, visit www.energystar.gov or call 1-888-STAR-YES (782-7937).