



Spring 2007 Bulletin

Happy New Year!!!! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and new year. Now is the time to start planning for those spring projects!

Beautification

- **Operation Green Plant:** This project has saved over 800 tons of seeds and 7 million bulbs from going to waste in landfills. It has beautified roadways, parks and neighborhoods in 20,000 communities. Your community can also be a part of this great project. Request a grant of flower and/or herb seeds. Check out the website for more information. www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/free_seeds_flyer_07.pdf
- **Send a Earth Day eCard:** Earth Day is April 22nd and is just around the corner. Send an eCard to people you know to let them know about Earth Day. Check out <http://cards.123greetings.com/cgi-bin/cards/earthday.pl?log=kdearth>
- **Plant-A-Row Grant:** Don't forget to apply for the grant sponsored by Fafard, Inc. You could be awarded \$500.00 to



grow a garden that will supply food for a shelter or food bank. Ask me for more details.

- **Nominate a Historic Tree:** Check out the National Registry of Historic Trees and nominate a tree in your town. For more information visit www.americanforests.org
- **Celebrate Arbor Day:** Become a member on www.arborday.org and receive 10 free trees to donate to your community.

Resource

- **Million Bottle Challenge:** For every narrow-mouth 20-ounce plastic bottle you collect, TerraCycle will send a nickel in the name of your organization to the Big Gift of the Earth. A thousand bottles purchased can protect an acre of threatened orangutan habitat. TerraCycle provides everything you need, including postage paid boxes for shipping the

bottles. Check out www.earthsbirthday.org/biggift/millionbottlechallenge/TERMS terracycle.asp

- **Change a Light, Change the World:** The average home contains about 30 light fixtures. By replacing the light bulbs in 5 fixtures with models that have earned the ENERGY STAR, you can save about \$60 each year in energy costs. Take the pledge on www.energystar.gov



- **Adopt a Species:** Help support endangered species and thousands of other animals at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park. This program was introduced to preserve animals on the brink of extinction. When you adopt a species, you help support the care and conservation of thousands of animals at the zoo. Visit the website for more details <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Support/AdoptSpecies/>





Energy News

Quick Links

Check out these websites for new ideas:

- www.jerseyjuniors.com
- www.gfwc.org
- www.kab.org
(Keep America Beautiful)
- www.kindnews.org
(Kind News)
- www.energysavers.gov
- www.energystar.gov
- www.americarecycles.org
- www.nwf.org
- www.earth911.org
- www.earthdaybags.org
- www.earthsbirthday.org
- www.njcleanenergy.com



Got an idea that you want to share?

Do you have a new idea to pass on to other clubs relating to beautification and resource? Let me know so I can add it to the bulletin. Email conservation@jerseyjuniors.com

10 Ways to Save with Lighting

These changes may seem insignificant but the choices we make everyday have an impact.

1. Change 5 Lights—Replace the five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs with ENERGY STAR
2. Buy 1 instead of 10— Compact Fluorescent lamps (CFLs) last up to 10 times longer than standard incandescent light bulbs.
3. Consider the environmental savings—Your home can be responsible for twice as much air pollution as your car. If one room in every US household was brightened by ENERGY STAR qualified lighting, we'd prevent air pollution equivalent to the emissions of 6 million cars!
4. Buy Products with a strong warranty—A warranty is a great way to avoid unnecessary replacement costs.
5. Keep cool with ceiling fans—By replacing an old ceiling fan with a new energy efficient ceiling fan, you can save \$15-\$25 dollars on your energy bill.
6. Use dimmers—Dimmers not only allow you to set the mood by providing the range of light output, but can also decrease energy costs associated with lighting.
7. Flip the switch when leaving the room—Saving energy and money can start by not wasting energy.
8. Safety (and savings) first—The bulb in a halogen lamp burns at between 700-1,100 degrees hot enough to fry an egg. ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs not only operate at a much cooler temperature but can save \$75.00 on your bill.
9. Put your lights on a schedule—Install timers that automatically turn on and off according to your needs.
10. Take the Change the light pledge — The typical household spends \$1,400 a year on energy bills. With ENERGY STAR, you can save up to 30% on your energy bill. Visit www.energystar.gov for more information.



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Earth Day Groceries Project

The Earth Day Groceries Project is an activity that promotes environmental awareness in a school and its community. It's a FREE activity which thousands of people will be involved in on Earth Day April 22nd, 2007.

The idea is simple, go to your local supermarket to obtain large paper shopping bags, decorate

them with colorful environmental messages and then return the bags to the stores for them to fill with groceries on Earth Day. Ask the grocer in advance for the bundles of bags.



Delivering the bags can be made into a field trip and it is also a great opportunity to alert the local media. For more information check out www.earthdaybags.org