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NEW JERSEY STATE FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS - JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

# Conservation News

## Convention 2007 Bulletin

### Global Warming

At the Oscars on February 25th, the independent documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" won for best documentary. This documentary gives you a synopsis of what is global warming and the effects it has to the world. If you haven't see the movie, plan a night to play it at a meeting or just have a movie night with the girls. More information on global warming check out [www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org).

*Save the wildlife:* Scientists recently concluded that within the next 50 years, as many as one-third of all wildlife species in some regions of

the world could be headed toward extinction due to global warming. Without open spaces, wetlands and protected corridors that allow wildlife to adapt and move in re-



sponse to global warming, many species will simply disappear. Speak up for wildlife!!! Email your state representative the message provided by the National Wildlife Federation. <https://online.nwf.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserA>

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*What are your numbers?:* In the United States a typical household of two people generates approximately 60,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions every year from household activities and personal transportation. Do you know your numbers? Check out the EPA website to calculate your personal emissions. [http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind\\_calculator.html](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html)

*Spread the Word:* Tell family and friends that energy efficiency is good for their homes and good for the environment because it lowers greenhouse gases. Tell 5 people and together we can help our homes help us all.

### Beautification

*Adopt a flower bed:* Adopt and maintain a flower bed in your town. Call your local officials for information.

*Award companies "Golden Broom" Award:* Praise those stores and business owners who keep their business clean and well maintained.

*Coordinate a Nature Hike:* Take a nature hike or a walking tour of a park to see all the plants in bloom.

### Resource

*Recycle Batteries:* Many municipalities collect household batteries for recycling. Contact your municipal recycling coordinator to see if your town participates in this program. If your town does not have a program, most electronic stores and New Jersey counties run events to collect these and other items. Check out <http://www.njhazwaste.com/>

*Recycle paper bags:* Most supermarkets reimburse you for bringing back your paper bags? Ask you local supermarket.

Making a difference on Earth Day

Planning a projects that will make a difference on earth day? Earth day is 6 weeks away. Whether its just recycling more, planting trees/seeds, or changing your light bulbs, a little bit goes a long way! Pledge your commitment by clicking on the World Wildlife Federation website <http://www.wwfblogs.org/earthdayways/addearthday2.html>

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

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Convention

May 18-20, 2007



**TIME FOR  
CHANGE  
EARTH DAY  
APRIL 22**



# Energy News

## Quick Links

Check out these websites for new ideas:

- [www.jerseyjuniors.com](http://www.jerseyjuniors.com)
- [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)
- [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org) (Keep America Beautiful)
- [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)
- [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- [www.americarecycles.org](http://www.americarecycles.org)
- [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) (national wildlife federation)
- [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)
- [www.earthdaybags.org](http://www.earthdaybags.org)
- [www.earthsbirthday.org](http://www.earthsbirthday.org)
- [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://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](mailto:conservation@jerseyjuniors.com)

Save energy on the road:

- Look for more fuel-efficient, less polluting cars. A car that gets 20 miles to the gallon will emit about 50 tons of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Double the gas mileage and you cut the emissions by half. Investigate the many new ultra-clean alternative fuel vehicles available. Reconsider extra features such as automatic transmission and 4-wheel drive -- they are often unnecessary and eat into gas mileage.
- Carpool. If every car carried just one more passenger on its daily commute, 32 million gallons of gasoline (and the pollution produced by it) would be saved each day.
- Encourage community leaders to build bike lanes and sidewalks, as well as cycling and pedestrian-only streets



Save Energy at the home:

- Set heating and cooling temperatures correctly. Check thermostats in your home to make sure they are set at a level that doesn't waste energy. Get an electronic thermostat that will allow

your furnace to heat the house to a lower temperature when you're sleeping and return it to a more comfortable temperature before you wake up. In the winter, set your thermostat at 68° in the daytime and 55° at night. In the summer, keep it at 78°. Remember that water heaters work most efficiently between 120° and 140°. In your refrigerator, set the temperature at about 37° and adjust the freezer to operate at about 3°. Use a thermometer to take readings and set the temperatures correctly.

## "Change a Light" Pledge

New Jersey has saved over 375,000 dollars in energy and have changed 13,323 bulbs! Lets all start the new year off right by pledging to change a light. Log on to the below link and choose "NJ Federations of Woman's Clubs—Junior Membership" or to create your own club just click on to "Sign up your group"

<http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.showPledge>

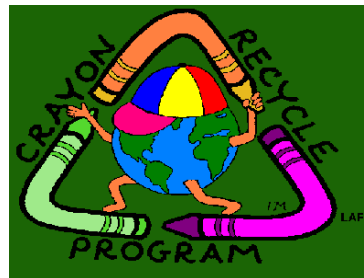
## Juniorettes Corner

### Hold a Crayon Recycling Drive!

This program is doing your part for the earth and a community service. A crayon drive can be organized in you local area. Crayons are on the tables at many restaurants, in most doctors offices, and just any place where kids hang out. Just create a "drop-off" bin to place in a easy location and notify the local paper with purpose of this project. Crayons are a petroleum product and takes years to biodegrade. After collecting all off the donated

crayons, you can send all the crayons to LAF Lines, Ltd and they will send you back "Crazy Crayons" or you can recycle them yourself. To find out more about LAF Lines, Ltd, check out:

<http://www.angelfire.com/ma3/crayonrecycle/>



You could also melt them yourself by removing the paper and placing various colors in a non-stick muffin pan. Fill up only a 1/4 of the way. Place in oven and

bake at low temperature. Let cool and pop out of the pan!!!