



Going Green Family Pledge

Family Photo	<p>MY family's actions make a difference in keeping our planet healthy.</p> <p>CHANGING the little things like turning off the lights or drinking from a re-usable water bottle can make a big impact in protecting the Earth.</p> <p>PLANET! This is our only one and we will help lead it to a great future.</p>
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Our family will start protecting the Earth today! We pledge to:

- **Reduce** the energy & water we use, and the garbage we make with actions like:
 - Turning off lights when not in use
 - Taking shorter showers and switching off the faucet when I brush my teeth
 - Using a lunch box, cloth napkins and re-usable lunch containers
 - Using regular cups and plates at home - not plastic or paper
- **Reuse** items to keep things out of our landfills, lakes, streams and oceans by:
 - Using both sides of a piece of paper
 - Giving old toys, sports gear and clothes away instead of throwing them away
 - Trading used books with friends
 - Creating new uses for old things like making a vase out of a glass bottle
- **Recycle** everything we can so trash can become something new by:
 - Putting paper, cans, aluminum foil, glass, plastic containers in recycling bins
 - Bringing items home if there is not a recycling container available
 - Encouraging our school, community center, athletic fields to recycle
- **Plant** a flower, tree, fruit or vegetable in our yard, a flowerpot or at school
- **Ride** our bikes or walk more often
- **Eat** fresh food, which is healthier for us and helps reduce the packaging and energy required for frozen, pre-packaged foods
- **Share** what we know with others by encouraging other families to sign the Family Pledge, writing our government leaders, or starting a program like a community garden at school or our local community center
- _____ (add your own)

By doing what we can to go green, we are making the world a better place for each other, our friends and all the plants and animals we share the Earth with.

Signed,