

Urban Environmental Accords for Kids!

World Environment Day will be held in San Francisco June 1-5, 2005. Mayors from all around the world will come to San Francisco to sign the *Urban Environmental Accords*. That's a fancy way to say "agreements that make cities more environmentally friendly." Here is a list of accords or agreements you can make to help protect our environment!



I _____ hereby proclaim that I will help protect the environment by agreeing to the following accords:



Saving Energy

1. I will turn off the lights, the computer and the TV when I am done using them.
2. I will ask my family to use compact fluorescent light bulbs at home.
3. I will learn about solar power and other forms of clean energy.



Reducing, Reusing, Recycling and Rotting

1. I will use both sides of a sheet of paper
2. I will not take a bag if I don't need it and will reuse my shopping bags.
3. I will recycle all my paper, glass, aluminum and plastic bottles, tubs and lids.
4. I will compost my food scraps at home and if I can, at school too.



City Living

1. I will help keep my city clean by not littering.
2. I will watch less TV and play outside more often.



Helping Nature in the City

1. I will take care of the trees at my house and on our sidewalk.
2. I will plant a garden in pots, a window box or in my yard.
3. I will visit parks in my neighborhood and help with park clean-ups.



Environmental Health

1. I will ask my family to use non-toxic cleaning products.
2. I will ask my family to use non-toxic paints at home.
3. I will eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.
4. I will ask my family to buy locally grown foods whenever possible.



Smart Transportation

1. I will walk or bike to school at least once a week if I live close enough to school.
2. I will take the bus or a carpool to school.
3. I will ask my family to buy a car that uses less gas.



Saving Water

1. I will turn off the water when I brush my teeth.
2. I will not dump oil or other toxic materials down the drain or on the street.
3. I will pick up litter like plastic bags so they don't end up in the water and hurt marine life.