

Going Green and Saving Money

By Francisco Tejada

Many people today are thinking about “going green” because they want to slow down the process of global warming. But there is another reason: to save money. I am teaching my children to turn off the lights when they are not in the room. They turn off the television when they are not watching it. This decreases the amount of electricity that we use, and we save money on the electric bill.

We can also conserve energy and money by planning better. Think about all the shopping and other errands you need to do. Then make a list and do all of your business in one trip. Another idea is to walk to the store if it’s close enough to home. You’ll be saving a lot of gas and money at the same time.

To prevent global warming, we all need to do our part even if it seems small. Global warming is a serious prob-

lem, and we must do something about it now. It is our responsibility as today’s adults to protect the earth so that our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have a clean, safe, and good future.



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Take it Further

Make a map of the places you go. How could you combine trips?

List Francisco’s ideas for conserving energy and saving money. Which ones would you try?

What do you *already* do to conserve energy and save money? Did this article give you any new ideas?

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Talk about what you *already* do to protect your children and your children’s children. If you don’t have children, what do you do that protects future generations?