

In celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, I would like to share with you a quote from the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy, "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

What a powerful statement and how thought provoking

Aimee.

I would like to share some other information with you from one of my favorite new "green" brands Seventh Generation. Please visit their website seventhgeneration.com

<u>Did you know?</u> If every household in the U.S. replaced just one bottle of 25oz petroleumbased dish liquid with a plant derived product, WE COULD SAVE 129,000 barrels of oil... enough to heat and cool 7,400 U.S. homes for a year! <u>I didn't know I was washing my dishes</u> with petroleum. This dish liquid smells great, even the kids love the smell.

<u>Did you know?</u> If every household in the U.S. replaced just one bottle of 45oz dishwashing gel containing phosphates with a phosphate free product, WE COULD SAVE 84million pounds of phosphates from entering our rivers, lakes and streams.

What we don't know... could be causing a rise in cancers, ADHD, Autism and many more health problems and environmental issues.

## Ways Great Harvest-Owensboro is being more Eco Friendly

- <u>Recycle</u>: plastics, steel barrels, 5 gal. pickle buckets, printer cartridges, copy paper
- Our Tissue Paper is made from 100% recycled materials
  - Energy efficient light bulbs
  - We are now posting any & all Great Harvest News & information <a href="https://www.greatharvestowensboro.com">www.greatharvestowensboro.com</a> & facebook
- Email instead of expensive tree killing snail mail
- Reduce YOUR carbon Footprint:

  If you have a basket from Great Harvest and don't use the basket after eating all the goodies, return it for a Free Loaf of Honey Whole Wheat, Harvest Blend or Farmhouse White. (It saves on labor shipping /handling, petroleum to truck the baskets from California to Owensboro. Plus your get a free loaf of Bread. How Groovy is that?
  - Recycled-reusable bags (Beginning April 22)

## Ways to be Earth Friendly at Home

- "Turn off lights when leaving the room" (OMG! We've become our parents)
- Use Vinegar & water solution to clean floors. Baking soda & water is a great cleaner, too. Think of the way your grandma & great-grandma used to clean.
- Recycle: plastics, aluminum & steel cans, news papers, magazines, & cardboard
- Replace blown light bulbs one at a time with energy saving bulbs
- Use reusable or canvas grocery bags. (As soon as you put away groceries take bags back to trunk of vehicle so you have them the next time.)
- Say no to gas receipts. If all you do is throw them away
- Switch to Non-toxic/Chlorine Free/Phosphate Free Dishwashing Gel, Natural All Purpose Cleaner
- Switch to Non-toxic plant derived dish liquid, dishwasher rinse aid,
- When you need to replace outside lighting, replace with solar lighting.
- Install programmable thermostat (Greg did it, you can too)
- If you actually fix your own coffee at home, dump the used grounds around your landscaping or in your backyard garden.
- We had to replace our 20 year old washer & dryer. We got new energy efficient (not top of the line)
   There are affordable energy efficient sets. It is amazing how much water they save and time!
   It's actually fun to laundry!!!

