

# What You Can Do to Protect Your Environment

## In Your House:

- Buy less toxic or nontoxic cleaning materials.
- Properly dispose of all hazardous household materials, from cleansers to fluorescent tubes to paints.
- Recycle your recyclables! From pop cans to newspapers.
- Compost your kitchen scraps.
- Don't waste water.
- Don't waste energy. Turn off lights when they're not in use. And, turn your thermostat down when you're not at home.



## In Your Yard:

- Compost your leaves and grass clippings.
- Follow the directions for use on all lawn and garden chemicals.
- Properly dispose of all lawn and garden chemicals and their containers.
- Use nontoxic fertilizers and weed control products.



## In Your Garage

- Keep your motorized garden equipment well tuned and in good operating condition. Small engines can add a lot of air pollutants - especially engines that aren't properly tuned up.
- Avoid using motorized lawn and garden equipment, when possible. Use a push mower and hand operated trimmers and rakes. It's quieter, less stinky and you get a good workout at the same time.
- Don't pour any used oil or antifreeze down your sewer drain! One pint of used motor oil can contaminate thousands of gallons of water, making it unfit to drink.

## In Your Car

- Purchase and use the most fuel efficient vehicle that meets your needs.
- Keep your car tuned up and in good working condition.
- Don't drive more than you need to. Most air pollutants that we breathe come from cars!
- Carpool, take the bus, ride your bike and walk whenever you can.



## At Your Cabin

- Keep your septic system well maintained and regularly cleaned
- Be careful when you fill your boat engine with gas - don't spill any into the lake
- Properly dispose of waste.
- Avoid using lawn chemicals near lakes.
- Don't spray for mosquitoes. Use citronella candles and other nontoxic repellants. Build a screened-in porch.
- Don't disturb nesting wildlife—they need a quiet place to raise their young.

