



- ★ Clean up your toys, your room, and any mess you make.
- ★ Treat places you visit with respect, leave them cleaner than you found them.
- ★ Conserve energy: turn off your lights, TV, and other electronics; shut doors.
- ★ Clean up toys your friends or siblings have used, too.
- ★ Clean up messes that others have made, because someone has to take care of the planet!
- ★ Ask your parents if your family can create a family plan to reduce energy consumption in your household.
- ★ Recycle! Use recyclable materials whenever possible – be creative.
- ★ Go through your toys and clothes in the spring and fall – give away, don't throw away!
- ★ Ask your teachers to consider a school program to exchange ideas within your school or with another school about taking better care of the planet.
- ★ Volunteer for clean up events in your community.
- ★ Be responsible for your actions by replacing or fixing things you have accidentally broken or damaged.

Clean up your own mess. This lesson has two meanings. The first is straight-forward but critical to the health of our environment. Cleaning up our messes and being earth friendly is going to be even more important for our kids and their kids than it was for us. The other meaning is more subtle, but equally important. When children show accountability for their actions, they demonstrate that they have learned what they do can have a wide-ranging impact. The best leaders understand this concept and live by it.