



MAMS Green Tip of the Month: "Energy Conservation!"



Why is it important to save energy?

FACT: Wasting non-renewable energy costs money, causes pollution, and it is running out.

Here are some ideas about how to save energy at home or at school!

5 Easy Ways to Help Conserve (Save) Energy:

1. Lower the thermostat during the winter and wear more sweaters
2. Take a shorter shower (kitchen timers help)
3. Turn off the lights when you leave a room
4. Close the curtains during hot days to keep it cooler inside
5. Close the refrigerator door quickly

Check out our Green Club Website for more ideas about how to save energy at:
www.carrollk12.org/mam/green/default.asp

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MAMS Green Tip of the Month: "Holiday Wrapping!"



Want to save money, have some fun, and still protect the Earth while you wrap your holiday gifts?

Here are some ideas about how to make wrap your holiday gifts in a GREEN WAY!

FACT: Many harmful toxins are added to wrapping papers and ribbons.

How do you make earth friendly gift wrap?

Find some paper bags, newspaper comics, old wrapping paper turned up side down

Collect pine cones and holly leaves from outside

Paint holiday shapes and designs using stencils, glitter, or stamps!

Have fun making a custom design!

Does it cost a lot of money to make earth friendly gift wrap?

NO! In fact, many of these decorations can be found outside for free or purchased for a small amount in the art section of a grocery store.

Why is it good for the environment to create homemade gift wrap?

You are reusing items in and around your house. You don't need to burn gas while driving to a store, no toxins are used, and you can recycle your homemade gift wrap.

AND OF COURSE families love it when their kids make things homemade!

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MAMS Green Tip of the Month: "RECYCLING!"



Have you ever drunk a can of soda?
Do you know what happens to that can when you
throw it away?

You are wasting precious resources and huge amounts of energy!

What can you do to prevent this? **RECYCLE**

FACT: Recycling an aluminum can saves 95 percent of the energy used to make a new aluminum can.

What is recycling? Recycling means taking materials from products you have finished using and making brand new products with them.

Why is recycling important? Recycling saves energy, reduces pollution, saves natural resources, and limits what ends up in the landfill.

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?

What you can do at school:

- Use the recycling bins located at the front of the cafeteria! *Finish all of the liquids* in your drink containers and recycle your can, plastic/glass bottle, and/or milk carton.
- Use the paper recycling bins in each of your classrooms! You can recycle paper and flattened cardboard.
- COMING SOON: Community Recycling Center at MAMS for recyclable batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges, and plastic bags. Stay tuned!

What you can do at home:

- Start recycling at home! Check out Carroll County's recycling program at www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recycle/recycle.asp, for more information about how to recycle used materials at your home. Here is another great resource: www.mdrecycles.org

FUN FACT: For each pound of aluminum recovered, Americans save the energy resources needed to generate about 7.5 kilowatt-hours of electricity. That's enough energy saved each year by recycling aluminum to meet the lighting needs of a city the size of Pittsburgh, PA for six years!

Upcoming Events:

Check out our new Green Club Website at: www.carrollk12.org/mam/green/default.asp

Check out www.greenfestivals.org, to learn more information about the annual Green Festival coming to Washington D.C. on November 8th and 9th.

Look for next month's Green Tip: Environmentally friendly ways to wrap your holiday gifts!