

# Earthly Effects

Did you know that everyday activities affect the environment in some way? Earth Day is set aside to help people make choices that are friendly to the environment. Each phrase below contains a cause that can make a positive difference to our planet. In the blanks, write an effect for each cause. On the back of this paper, explain how each idea will make a lasting effect on the environment.

Example: If I use reusable containers for lunch, then *I won't be throwing away a brown paper bag every day.*

Explanation: *Paper bags are made from trees that are a natural resource. The more bags I use, the more trees that are cut down.*



1. If I take a shower instead of a bath, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. If I use rechargeable batteries instead of the disposable kind, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. If I don't leave lights on in an empty room, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. If I turn off the water while brushing my teeth, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. If I encourage my parents to put together a car pool for school and sports practices, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. If my family and I start a compost pile, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. If I use both sides of a piece of notebook paper, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. If my family and I use reusable cloth bags for groceries rather than paper or plastic ones, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. If I recycle metal cans, plastic, newspapers, and glass, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. If I donate old toys and clothes to charities rather than throwing them away, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bonus Box:** On another sheet of paper, design an Earth Day poster using one of the ideas above.