



On April 22, 2020 Earth Day turned 50! Let's celebrate our planet by taking care of it while at home. Visit [National Geographic Kids vs. Plastic webpage](#) with your kids, learn about the different ways you can reduce plastic usage. Everyone can make a difference!

Here are some more ways we can help take care of our planet.



**RECYCLE PLASTIC!!** Did you know that 18 billion pounds of plastic are tossed in the ocean each year? Plastic bottle recycling helps to stop all these bottles being dumped into landfill sites and it means that the plastic they are made from can be used to make new products.



**PLANTING A TREE** is really one of the best things you can do to help the environment and the planet. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. Additionally, they provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.



**SAVE ENERGY** by turning off lights. When we use less energy, we save precious natural resources and cut down on pollution. So, energy efficiency helps us keep more resources on the earth longer.



**SAVE WATER!!** Next to air, water is the most important element for the preservation of life. Water is a finite commodity which, if not managed properly, will result in shortages in the near future. Water conservation can go a long way to help alleviate these shortages.