HOW **YOU** CAN HELP

IN **STORES:**

- Shop for products **made with recycled materials.**
- Buy items with **less packaging.**
- Buy refillable, **reusable containers.**
- Bring **reusable cloth or canvas bags to the grocery store.**
- Buy only **what you need** or **what you know you will use** (applies to food as well).

AT **HOME:**

- Use **energy-efficient light bulbs** and **rechargeable batteries.**
- **Reuse plastic bags.**
- Ask to **be removed from paper mailing lists.**
- Don't throw anything away that can be **reused or repaired.**
- For unwanted used electronics, **try upgrading the device to continue using it.** Otherwise, **donate or recycle it.**
- **Print on both sides of paper** (and use recycled paper).
- **Compost** your food scraps and yard waste.

MAKE A **DIFFERENCE TODAY!**

If we all take **small steps every day** to reduce the amount of waste we produce, **we can help protect our planet** for generations to come.

For more information, visit **www.epa.gov/recycle**.

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