

General Tips Podcast

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Hi, I am Vanessa Kauffman with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Here are some easy tips for celebrating Earth Day at your home, in your community and even on vacation.

While at home, don't put hazardous substances down your drain or in the trash.

Things like paint thinner, furniture polish and anti-freeze can pollute our waters or land impacting people, as well as wildlife.

Recycle everything you use, newspapers, scrap papers, cans, glass, plastics and many others.

Don't leave the water running, turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or washing your face.

Install water saving devices, such as low-flow showerheads, which will save water and save you money.

Turn the lights off and the TV off when you're out of the room.

And write to companies that send unwanted junk mail and ask them to take you off the list.

Going Abroad? Think twice about some of the things that you may purchase for souvenirs.

Some of these products can be made from threatened and endangered species.

Several U.S. laws and an international treaty prohibit bringing these souvenirs back into the United States.