

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

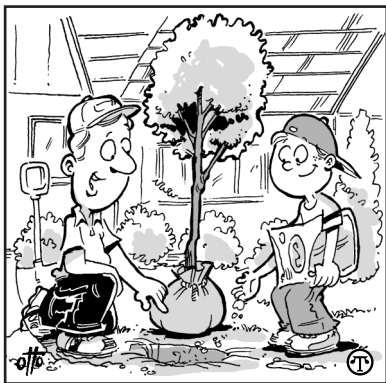
Easy Steps To A Forest-Green Home

(NAPSA)—Many people are aware of how much recycling efforts can help our planet, but PlantItForward.com/RenewableHome offers information about the little-known merits of using products made from renewable resources, such as wood and paper.

A renewable resource is one that can be replenished, while a nonrenewable resource is one that exists only in limited amounts. As one of the Earth's greatest renewable resources, forests can continually replenish themselves, especially when given proper management and care.

The site offers many helpful family-friendly reuse and recycle ideas, along with information on the benefits of using renewable resources at home. While on the site, visitors can tour a virtual renewable home and discover easy tips to help make homes more forest green. One tip is to buy wood and paper from certified sustainable forests, which are carefully managed and are one reason there are 12 million more acres of U.S. forests today than there were 20 years ago.

What's more, these products can help the environment. Just like the trees from which they are made, wood and paper products, such as furniture or magazines, store carbon and keep it from being released into the atmosphere for as long as they are in use. And the people of the wood and paper products industry plant



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1.7 million new trees every day in the United States, more than making up for what is harvested.

The site suggests these easy ways to make a home forest green:

- Make your picnics and barbecues easier with paper cups, plates and napkins. Unlike other disposables, paper is recyclable and comes from a renewable resource, our forests.

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- Recycle newspapers, catalogs and magazines. One ton of recycled paper saves enough electricity to run a TV for 41 hours.

Find out more at PlantItForward.com/RenewableHome.