

### Your Teen: Environmentally Tuned In?

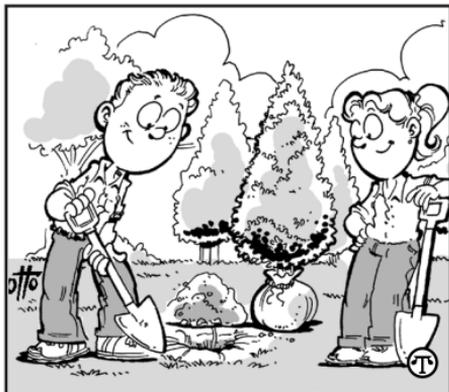
(NAPSA)—A new national survey has a nice surprise for parents who think their teens are just tuned into television and video games. The survey shows that teens are also in touch with the environment. About two-thirds of American teens say they have participated in a community cleanup or other community environmental project. And while they are online, teens are thinking about Mother Earth, with 43 percent saying they have searched the Web to learn about the environment.

This interest may be due to involved parents—more than half of the teens (55 percent) report that their parents have talked to them about things their families can do to help the environment.

#### Things To Do

There are a number of things that families can do to keep this trend going. The movement is called *Plant It Forward*<sup>SM</sup> and it's filled with things to do at school, at home, at work and at the store. For example:

- Encourage children to visit elderly neighbors and offer to take their recycling to the curb. It's a great way to teach children about being good neighbors and motivate others to recycle.
- When carrying lunch to school or work, choose a brown paper bag rather than a plastic bag. They're natural, recyclable and biodegradable.
- Organize a class or family trip to a family-owned forest to learn about responsible forestry practices used by the more than 10 million



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family forest owners in the United States. Or, invite a local forester to visit a nearby school.

Be a part of the *Plant It Forward* movement by visiting [www.abundantforests.org](http://www.abundantforests.org), where visitors can find hundreds of environmental activity ideas and can even share their favorites with friends.

Here are just a few:

- Spend a fun and educational day with your kids exploring nature's beautiful, renewable resource. Download the hiking journal with games and activities to take along.
- Show you care with a homemade gift for weddings, showers, birthdays or all occasions. They're easy to make using wood and paper, and you can personalize them with your own creative flair.

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