

Environmental Protection

As we look around, we see more and more advertisements and organizations dedicated to helping the environment. But what does this all mean? Why bother to help in the first place? Perhaps we don't notice as we get older. Perhaps we are too engrossed in the new generation iPhone that has come out, or how good we look in our new profile picture on Facebook. We may be too concerned about where we're going to hang out with all our friends tomorrow, or when we should meet up with our dates for dinner. As we do this, perhaps it is really us that have changed and become less concerned for our precious Earth, rather than the environment becoming less endangered. We never notice the lamp light that we leave on in our room when we rush out the door to catch a ride to the mall. We never notice the *drip drip* of the water of our leaky sink as we hurry to comb our hair in the mornings. But the small things that we don't notice are the ones that actually matter. Perhaps if we teens became less engrossed in our personal lives and looked at things in a more global point of view, we could make the effort to help. Maybe we can take life a bit slower, and open our eyes to bigger world issues than what's been recently posted on Tumblr or what the latest hairstyle in fashion is. We could take five seconds to pause before we rush out the door, and turn off that lamp light. We could even turn that faucet off while combing our hair in the bathroom. We could pause and think which bin we throw our aluminum cans in – the recycle or trash, instead of rushing out the mall with our friends. The environmental issues today are not going to fix by themselves and the scientists of today and tomorrow are going to need everyone's help. It doesn't mean that everyone has to be planting trees all day in their backyard, but small things like these can really make a difference. If we do not take care of our Mother Earth today, then what will our grandchildren live in tomorrow? We have only one Earth. It's supposed to last us...forever. We have used nature enough. It is now time for the next generation to take responsibility. In the end, it's not about what we can take from nature, it is about what we can give back.