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10 Things You Can Do to Help Save Coral Reefs and Our Marine Resources

- 1.** Stop littering our planet: Reduce, reuse, recycle (especially plastic).
- 2.** Read labels on tuna cans; buy only those products that respect marine life.
- 3.** Find out how and where fish at your local market is caught before you buy.
- 4.** Use unbleached or white toilet paper -- colored paper contains dyes that pollute our water systems and, eventually, the ocean.
- 5.** Use phosphate-free washing powder, detergent and other cleaning agents.
- 6.** Don't take shells or other 'souvenirs' from the beach.
- 7.** Don't step on corals. They are living animals!
- 8.** Avoid using water-polluting household chemicals. Instead use eco-friendly substitutes such as vinegar (an all-purpose cleaner) and sodium bicarbonate (a bathroom cleaner/mold remover).
- 9.** Report to authorities any illegal dumping or fishing activities you discover.
- 10.** Let your government know how you feel about issues affecting the marine environment: Write local and national officials, or phone the newspapers.

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