

# Reduce Your Impact on the Environment

## AVOID HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

- Ask yourself, "Can I live without this product?" If you don't need it, don't buy it.
- Use non-hazardous alternatives. Many household cleaning, gardening, repair, and maintenance jobs CAN be done with non-toxic products or chemical free methods.
- Buy green. Look for products that use less toxic or less hazardous ingredients, are safer to store and use, and biodegrade quickly into simple, non-toxic residues.
- Practise prevention. Keep your home dry, clean, and airy. Clean up spills and any mess right away... and you won't have a big clean-up job to do later.
- Read the label. If it doesn't answer your questions, leave the product on the shelf.

## IF YOU *HAVE* TO USE HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS, USE THEM PROPERLY

- Pick the right product for the job. If you need to use a hazardous product, avoid overkill. You can't kill every germ, bug, and weed, so don't try.
- Buy only what you need. The large size may be economical, but if you aren't going to use it, you aren't saving any money.
- Keep products in their original packaging. You'll avoid mixing residues, which can produce other dangerous compounds. Original labels list ingredients, directions, and first aid treatments. Keep them on the container.

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