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### Take a Minute to Smell the Roses

As we live our daily lives, we do not make the time and watch our environment rot away due to poor treatment. With air pollution and hazardous chemicals flowing around the earth's boundaries, she, as in the earth dies slowly waiting to be cured. Although we witness all these problems happening, still we do nothing about it. Our surroundings try to signal us that we need to conserve energy and make better choices when it comes to our lives both now and in the future. Our economical choices are reflected upon us by the way our earth functions. If the earth reacts negatively, for example bad air, it is an obvious sign that we need to lay off the cars and walk to our destinations. Walking will conclude a less polluted atmosphere. If walking would be impossible to do, then using public transportation systems would not kill us. As of now, our environment is damaged badly and needs to be repaired as soon as possible. Bob Marley once said, "Live the life we love and love the life we live." In order to love the life we live, we need to make a place we can love and be proud of. Accomplishing that will enable us to grow into it and live blissfully. The earth has treated us well for many generations, let us gather together and pay her the respect she deserves back.

We can speak about the subject of energy efficiency all day, but not doing anything about it will make it meaningless. There are several ways you can make a difference: recycle recyclable items, switch to energy efficient light-bulbs, and drive bikes for a change. Also, live with a healthier state of mind by using reused grocery bags available at local places like Target

and Wal-Mart. If we take the time to change our community, it would have a great impact and other may do the same. Nothing can make anyone feel better than to have a positive, clean productive atmosphere to line in.

Our future depends on our choices that we make right now. Aside from all of the economic issues and disasters that have already taken place, we can make a difference by starting NOW. Thinking about the future may or may not change your perspective of the problem, but always remember; our choices now affect our future later. Eventually, our reactions to all this may give us either positive or negative feedback. Only our future can tell whether we did a good job of saving energy. Anything is possible, and it is never, I mean never too late to start making a change.