

Hello House!

Notes for Parents

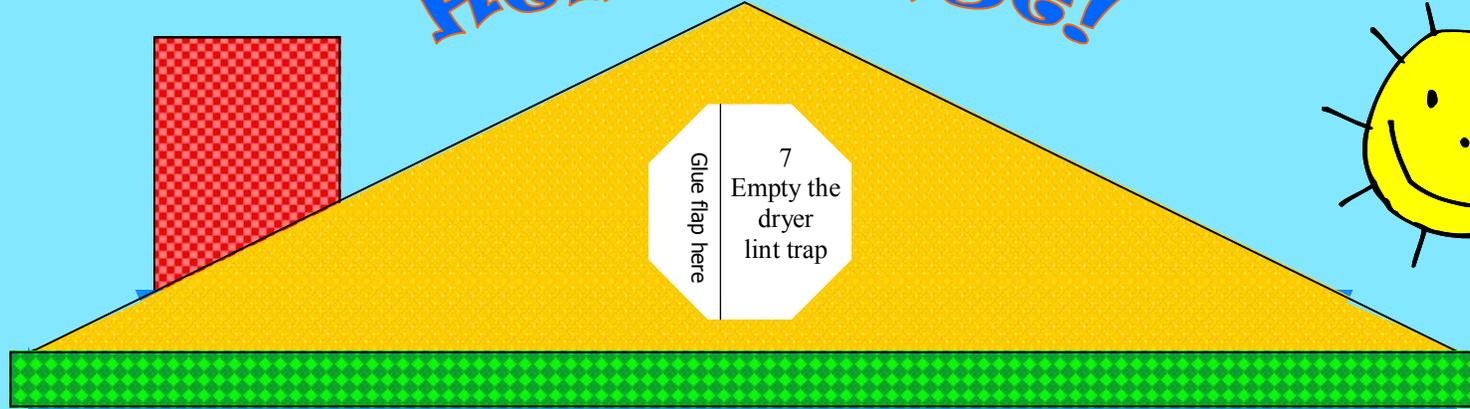
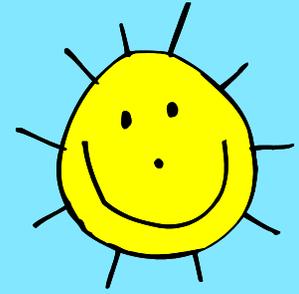
This activity provides seven easy ways for you and your child to participate in and learn about energy conservation. To make it fun and successful, read the following tips about getting ready each day for the activity directed by the window or door.

Numbers below correspond to numbered activities inside the window and doors. Before you open each door or window, do the following (don't let your child see you!).

1. Leave a couple of lights on in the house for your child to "find" and turn off.
2. Turn on one or two faucets (just a drip), for your child to "find" and turn off
3. Make sure there is a pile of wet clothes in the washer, so your child can help sort by weight (Dryers work more efficiently when they are drying cloth of similar weights).
4. If you already have excellent weather stripping around your doors, you might leave one ajar so your child can "discover" the draft, and shut it tight. Then check to feel how the draft is gone!
5. Either have a board or card game ready to play, or print out and play the Emergency Kit card game activity on this website.
6. Think about things you have around the house that you might donate. As you find each item, talk about it... "I'll bet a little girl just like you would love to have this book, and then we won't have to throw it away!"
7. Make sure there is lint in the lint trap of the dryer for your child to empty.



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7
Empty the
dryer
lint trap

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1
Walk around
the house and
turn off any
lights that
have been
left on.

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5
Play a game
with family,
instead of
watching t.v.
or playing
on the
computer.

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4
Check
under
outside
doors
for drafts.

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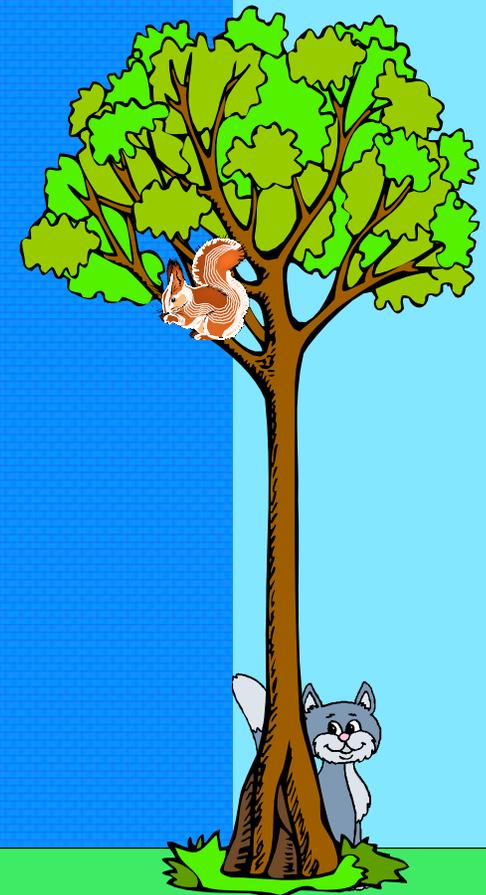
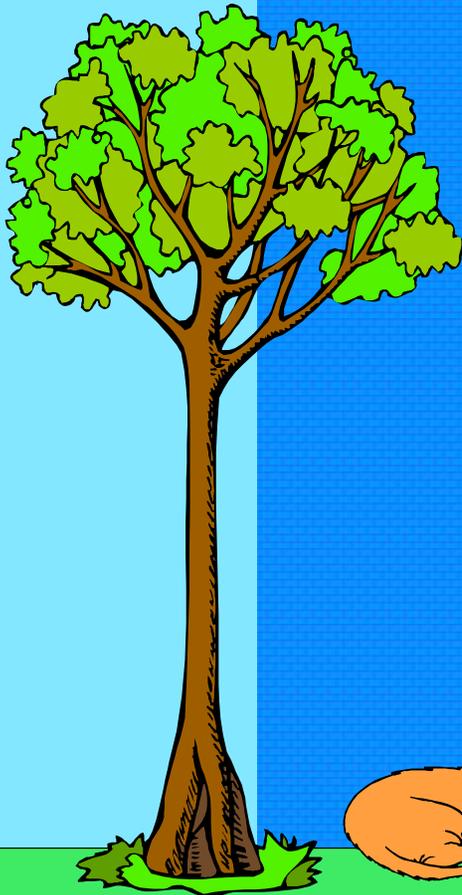
3
Sort
dryer loads
by weight

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6
Find
ten things in
your house
that can be
donated,
so
someone
else can
re-use them.

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2
Check all
faucets,
inside
and outside
for dripping



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After you cut out and assemble the Hello House, you can put it on your refrigerator.
Each day let your child open a door or window, and together you can do the simple activity to help your house go green!

Instructions:

1. Print out the two pages of this activity
2. Cut out windows and doors below.
3. Fold back white tabs
4. Glue or tape windows and doors over matching shapes on house picture **matching the # of each door or window to the # on the house.**
5. If you like, put a dab of clue in the middle of the right side of each door and window to keep it closed until your child opens it.
6. Before your child opens each door or window (one each day for a week), read the **Notes to Parents**, so you can plan ahead and be sure your house is ready!

Fold white rectangle tab
back so it is behind printed
side. Do the same with the
other windows and door.

