## PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH



## Ten Simple Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Earth<sup>1</sup>

- 1. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.
- 2. Volunteer. Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed, too.
- 3. Educate. When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.
- 4. Conserve water. The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.
- 5. Choose sustainable. Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.fishwatch.gov.
- 6. Shop wisely. Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.
- 7. Use long-lasting light bulbs. Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!
- 8. Plant a tree. Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.
- 9. Don't send chemicals into our waterways. Choose non-toxic chemicals in the home and office.
- 10. Bike more. Drive less.