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RETHINK – Global Warming Update

A few months ago, your environmental task force sent out a Green Tip concerning **global warming**. Scientists have long been concerned that global warming is having a major impact on the weather. We have been told to expect stronger storms and possible droughts in the coming years. The Memphis Commercial Appeal (CA) recently had a front page story entitled [Spring keeps coming earlier](#) (Monday, March 24, 2008) which reported some additional disturbing facts.

Weather changes are affecting starting and ending dates for the seasons. You might think this means shorter winters and earlier springs. And perhaps it does, but the more important effect is the **possible extinction of species**. If spring begins earlier, foods for various species may not be available when needed. For example, food for some baby birds may not be available when the chicks are born. Thus, the next generation may starve. Many species up and down the food chain may have their numbers reduced, and ultimately may face extinction. ([click here](#) or [here](#) for two references about global warming and species extinction.)

There is an even greater urgency now for all of us to get educated about global warming. Some of the text and links from the earlier Global Warming Green Tip are repeated in the following paragraphs. We urge you to revisit these links to see what else you can do to reduce your carbon footprint. For more information about affects of global warming on flora and fauna in addition to what is provided above, do a search on "global warming & changing seasons". You will find a wealth of information to read. Read on for the earlier text:

It is still true that most weather scientists agree that if we don't reduce carbon dioxide emissions, **global warming** will cause major problems for everyone in the coming years. [Click here](#) for more information on the greenhouse effect and global warming.

Individuals **CAN** have an impact. To find ways **YOU** can help, [click here](#) for *10 Things You Can Do To Reduce Global Warming* and/or [here for Top 12 Ways You Can Reduce Global Warming](#). Give some thought to which of the many suggestions **YOU** are willing to start doing!

Remember **Confucius** says:

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step!

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