

## **Social Security Column**

EARTH DAY OR ANY DAY, SAVE A TREE BY GOING ONLINE

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April 22 is Earth Day. More than one billion people will celebrate Earth Day in one way or another.

You could plant a tree, and recycle your plastic, glass, and paper, or use the back side of printer paper before tossing it. But what's even better than recycling your paper is not having any paper to begin with. By doing business with Social Security over the Internet, you'll be doing your part to help us in our environment-friendly practices.

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