

The image shows the front cover of a DVD case. The cover has a yellow border. At the top, the National Geographic logo is on the left, followed by the text 'NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'. Below this, the title 'SIX° DEGREES' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a red glow effect. Underneath the title, the subtitle 'COULD CHANGE THE WORLD' is written in smaller, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. The central image is a view of the Earth from space, showing a curved horizon with blue oceans and white clouds. In the bottom left corner, there is a small National Geographic logo followed by the text 'NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL'. In the bottom center, the text 'PRESERVE OUR PLANET' is written in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a small 'DVD' logo. The spine of the DVD case is visible on the left, showing the title 'SIX° DEGREES' and the National Geographic logo.

National Geographic reveals the effects of global warming, illustrating the likely consequences of rising temperatures on Earth degree by degree. In the DVD *Six Degrees Could Change the World*, learn how existing technologies and remedies may help in the battle to turn back the dial on the global thermometer.

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Are you a bargain hunter? Does your car tend to stop automatically at every Saturday-morning garage sale? Is your home filled with great items, lovingly rescued from someone else's trash? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the Freecycle Network™ might be right up your alley.

The Freecycle Network, at freecycle.org, is not really a new idea. It originated in Tucson, Arizona, in May 2003, but Earth Day (on April 22) always serves as a reminder to be a little more kind to our planet. So in case freecycling is new to you, here's how it works:

The Freecycle Network, organized in the hope that one person's trash truly would be another person's treasure, is a literal free-for-all. Its initial aim was to cut down on city curbside trash by linking people with "stuff" to give away to people who want that "stuff" for free. Since its inception, Freecycle has grown from one local community group to more than 4,250 groups internationally. The "communities" are actually electronic forums; a local volunteer in a real-life community moderates each one.

To sign up, you'll need access to a Yahoo! account, which you can join on the spot.

Once you have located your local forum information on the main page of the Freecycle site, simply supply your email address. You will receive a welcome email containing detailed instructions about how to proceed. (If there isn't a group in your area, the Freecycle Network encourages you to start your own.) Once you have signed up, get ready to be amazed at the things people are willing to give away.

Another feature of the Freecycle network allows you to ask for items that you need—either small or large. Of course, there is no guarantee that you will get what you want, but as a rule, Freecycleers are very generous. You might be surprised.

(As an avid Freecycle, I highly recommend that when subscribing to this list you opt to receive individual emails. Many times, highly sought items are claimed within minutes. If you receive notices in digest mode, you will rarely get a chance to pick up these wonderful treasures.)

There is only one basic posting rule: everything must be free, legal, and suitable for all ages. Happy freecycling! **f**

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