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A happy life
consists in
tranquility of mind.

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Dear Friend of Green Cleaning Products LLC,

As Haiti's earthquake death toll continues to rise and in the aftermath of vast devastation the stories of people making a difference are heart-warming. Prior to the quake, Haiti was suffering from a degree of environmental degradation almost without equal in the entire world.

According to UN sources, the virgin forests that once covered the entire country had been reduced to 4% of the total land area. Deforestation created a susceptibility to erosion. Agricultural chemicals, such as DDT, have been widely used in Haiti. These pollutants plus the use of oil with high lead content are a significant source of pollution. Water quality is also a serious environmental problem. Only 49% of the nation's city dwellers and 45% of the rural population have pure drinking water. Long before the earthquake foreign organizations, including the US Agency for International Development (USAID), attempted to alleviate these problems.

I am dedicating this issue to share with you some of the good work that is being done by green organizations. [Let me know](#) of other projects you learn about.

To a Greener and Healthier Life,
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Lighting Haiti One Solar Flashlight at a Time

Besides needing food, water, shelter and medical supplies, when the sun goes down, Haiti is in the dark. Given the overwhelming obstacles and destruction from the earthquake, the Haitian people will not only need ongoing assistance, they'll need illumination to light the way. The Light Haiti Project will put 500,000 solar powered flashlights in the hands of Haitians.



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Video:

President Bill Clinton the UN Special Envoy to Haiti, traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on January 18 to assess needs on the ground.

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Solar Power Playing Major Role in Haiti Relief

The people of Haiti are facing a long and difficult road to recovery. Their power infrastructure has been demolished and fuel for generators and cooking is scarce, but they do have one thing on their side: abundant sunshine. Many solar power companies and non-profits are focusing on that resource and bringing solar-powered equipment capable of providing essential needs like drinkable water, cooking surfaces and mobile phones to the Haitian people.



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7 Ways to Help Haiti while Giving Green

Haiti is in chaos after an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter magnitude scale has crumbled much of the country's buildings and infrastructure. While humanitarian aid, including food, clean water, shelter, sanitation and suchlike will be the immediate priorities, we thought it worth noting the good work of green organizations in Haiti, as they will also need support to get back on their feet.



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