

“Green” Tips

- 🌱 **Purchase non-toxic cleaning products.** Use natural fiber sponges and cleaning agents that are biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and unscented.
- 🌱 **Do-It-Yourself Green Cleaners.** Some of the greenest cleaners are the ones you make yourself. Go to <http://got2begreen.com/homemade-cleaning-recipes/>.
- 🌱 **Replace disposable goods with reusable ones.** Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.
- 🌱 **Plant for the planet.** Planting a tree in your yard will help cool your house with shade in the summer, help block cold winds in the winter, and help clean the air all at the same time.
- 🌱 **Replace light bulbs.** Compact Fluorescent (CFL) bulbs last up to ten times longer than regular incandescent bulbs and use 75% percent less energy.
- 🌱 **Hang up your laundry.** Wash your clothes in cold water whenever possible and use a drying rack or clothesline to dry clothes.
- 🌱 **Set your thermostat appropriately.** Setting your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer will save energy and save money on the utility bills.
- 🌱 **Try using public transportation, carpooling, or walk or biking.** Cars add significantly to the greenhouse effect, acid rain, and smog.
- 🌱 **Reduce paper use.** Use rags instead of paper towels; cloth napkins instead of paper. Buy post-consumer recycled paper and recycle it when you’ve used it.
- 🌱 **Stop wasting water.** Only use water to rinse when brushing your teeth, don’t let the water run while you are brushing.
- 🌱 **Don’t litter!** Littering chokes wildlife and releases toxic chemicals when it breaks down. Plus it’s just plain ugly!
- 🌱 **Turn your computer off when you are done.** If you turn your computer off once you are done using it you will save energy and an average of \$90 a year on your electricity bill.