

Tips to Go Green

- **Get rid of junk mail** - There are many services that can help you get rid of junk mail. That will lead to a lot less trees being cut down to take up room in your mailbox.
- **Use Matches instead of lighters** - Lighters are usually considered disposable so they will most likely end up in landfills. You can use the cardboard matches which are much more eco-friendly because they are made of recycled material.
- **Don't get a paper phone book** - Instead of getting a paper phone book. Use an online directory instead.
- **Give things away** - Take things that you are not going to wear or use and give it to a charity or someone who will use it.
- **Go to a car wash** - Going to a car wash is a lot more water efficient than washing your car at home.
- **Stop paper bank statements** - Why waste paper getting your bank statement mailed to you when you can just check it out online.
- **Buy Rechargeable Batteries** - Even though it will take a good investment to buy these you will find yourself gaining it back in no time.
- **Pay your Bills Online** - If every house did this then we would save 18 million of trees every year.
- **Get a reusable bag** - You can't recycle plastic bags, instead get yourself a reusable bag so that you won't have to worry about carrying your necessities.
- **Do Errands in Bulk** - Make a list of the things you have to do, and see if you can fit a couple of those things together in one ride.
- **Inflate your Tires** - If your tires are inflated at all times your car will run more miles on less gas.
- **Wrap Presents Creatively** - Without going out to get wrapping paper you can use newspaper, an old map, or anything else. It would look a whole lot more creative.
- **Plant a Tree** - It's good for the air, can keep you cool, and can increase your property value.
- **Buy Local Produce** - Consider how much energy it takes for produce from China or any other country to come here. If you have the option to buy local, do it.
- **Walk or Ride Your Bike When you can** - If you have to go somewhere close consider riding your bike or walking there instead

of your car. It's better on the environment and healthier.

- **Change to Fluorescent Bulbs** - If every house changed all of the light bulbs in their house, that would be equivalent to taking one million cars off the streets.
- **Don't Rinse** - Skip rinsing your plates before putting them into the dishwasher. In average you will save 56.781 Litters gallons of water per load. Plus, you will save time.
- **Turn off computers at night** - don't just put them to sleep. You will save an average of 4 cents a day which ads up to Rs. 671.60 a year.
- **Use Both Sides of Paper** - if you have a printer with a double sided print option use it. You will save half of the amount of paper you would have normally used. Then when your done bring it to the recycle bin.
- **Get rid of baths** - Don't take baths, take showers. You will in average save about half the amount of water that you would if you were taking a bath.
- **Don't get bottled water** - Instead of bottled water get a reusable container to carry water. Also you can get a filter to make your home tap taste more like bottled water. It is definitely more cost efficient.
- **Turn the water off when you brush** - Your parents have said this before, now I say it. You will save 4.546 litters of water doing this alone.
- **Shorten your shower** - Every minute you cut from your shower is roughly 18.93 Litters of water. The less time your shower takes, the lower your impact on the environment.
- **Recycle Glass** - If you do not recycle this, it will take a million years to decompose.
- **Don't Pre-Heat the Oven** - unless needed, just turn the oven on after you put the dish in it. Also, to see if it's finished just look through the glass instead of opening it.
- **Use Warm or Cold Setting on Washer** - instead of the hot cycle use the warm or cold setting. This will save a lot of energy a year.
- **Turn Down your Thermostat** - Every degree lower in the winter or higher in the summer you put it is a 10% decrease on your energy bill.
- **Turn off your lights** - An easy one. Turn off your lights when you are not using them. The benefits are obvious.