

# A to Z Recycling

Green Tips



## 9 Ways to Be Green and Save Money

- 1 - Avoid long showers, take showers instead of baths, turn off the water while brushing your teeth, and use your dishwasher instead of hand-washing if you can.
- 2 - Make your own household cleaners with ingredients like distilled white vinegar, lemons, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, borax and more. For cleaning recipes: <http://www.thegreenguide.com/doc/120/diy>
- 3 - Stop buying individually packaged items, such as snacks and vegetables. Opt for larger quantities with less packaging to reduce waste, save money and lower transportation costs. Taking the time to do this is very rewarding.
- 4 - Turn off the lights you're not using. Sounds so simple and... it is!
- 5 - Stop using paper napkins. You'll save trees, you'll save money, and you'll feel classier when you eat. Buy 2-3 sets and wash them with the rest of your laundry.
- 6 - Set the thermostat where you need it rather than where you want it this winter. Every degree you lower it saves 2-3 % on your bill.
- 7 - Drive slower and don't accelerate as hard. It feels nice to not be in a hurry and you'll save a surprising amount on gas.
- 8 - Change your lightbulbs. Replacing one 75 W incandescent bulb with a 25 W CFL will save about \$83 over the life of the bulb.
- 9 - Get the whole family on board and make it fun for them. When everyone is participating your savings will increase, your carbon footprint will decrease and you'll feel so good about making your difference.