

Go Green

Green tips submitted by United Methodist Women at Schools of Christian Mission in 2009

How many of the following ideas are YOU using? Can you think of others? What can you add to our list? Email: lars@greatlakes.net

Reduce

Our unit is using fewer disposable cups, tableware, etc
Use cloth bags for grocery shopping
State needs a deposit on water bottles/ Legislate water bottle return fee
Use less salt on roads and walks/mix with sand for less road damage
Use water sparingly – and not bottled water/ No bottled water
Dry clothes outdoors; it sanitizes and makes smell fresh
Use glassware for funeral dinners. Recycle any plastic foam used
Compost, conserve water & recycle
Use mugs not foam cups. (Drink responsibly. . .use a mug!)
Use fabric on bulletin boards; save paper and looks nicer
Unplug appliances & turn off lights when not in use
Do laundry only as needed to save water and laundry supplies
Carry reusable shopping bags in vehicle
Grow plants native to Michigan/good for environment, require less watering, beneficial for wildlife
Use environmentally safe cleaning products
Mow lawn less times a year
Change driving habits to minimize gasoline usage
Report polluters
Use as few disposables as possible
Turn off water while brushing teeth
Use half a dryer sheet per load (or less if it does the job)
Mix salt with sand for roads and sidewalks
Use cloth rags rather than paper towels and washcloths rather than napkins
Use modern light bulbs that use less wattage

Reuse

Washing & reusing plastic bags
Reusing plastic grocery bags in waste cans
Use “used” paper in computer printer
Reuse disposables for crafts, i.e. jewelry, house decor, garden décor, etc
Create greeting cards to send out
Thrift-store shopping
Donate items to SS & VBS for crafts
Wash & reuse plastic bags as well as grocery bags
Crafting with throw-away household items

Recycle

Recycling paper, glass, metals. I bring home items from church kitchen to recycle, as (city) does not recycle.

Opening and flattening junk mail for recycling

Recycle can tabs

Recycle plastic, paper, newspaper, cardboard & metal

Compost coffee grounds/ Take coffee grounds from church for Hydrangeas in garden

Recycle cans from Senior nutrition centers if they do not

Open & flatten junk mail for recycling

Reuse paper for computer printing (used on one side)

Use fewer disposables cups, tableware, plates

Bring home from church items to recycle

Take recycling to relative for recycling if none available

Recycle worship bulletins

Read book Reduce, Reuse, Recycle from 2009 Reading Program Social Action area

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