

# GO GREEN!

## POWER DOWN

- Turn off all electronics and lights when not in use.
- Put on a sweater and lower your thermostat on cooler days.
- Buy Energy Star when you must replace your appliances.

## CLEAN CLEAN

- Use regular household items for cleaning, like vinegar and baking soda, instead of harsh chemicals.
- De-lint your dryer regularly to reduce energy usage. Better yet – hang your clothes to dry!
- Take shorter showers. Cutting two minutes in the shower can save up to 10 gallons of water.
- Clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator. This will reduce energy usage.

## STOP THE JUNK

- Bank online. This will save more paper than you realize!
- Put a stop on receiving junk mail. Visit [www.junkbusters.com](http://www.junkbusters.com) for details.
- No bottled water!! Reduce your landfill contribution and use a refillable container with your tap water instead.
- Rent it! Instead of purchasing books, visit your local library.

## YARD WORKS

- Mulch your lawn instead of collecting grass clippings and driving them to the yard waste center. Its healthier for your lawn, and reduces energy usage both in your vehicle and for your community.
- Start a compost pile. Even items coffee grounds and egg shells will help you create excellent soil base while reducing your contribution to landfills. Visit the UW Extension website for more details: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu>
- Cooperate on garbage day. By working with your neighbor(s) to set out your garbage at one location, you eliminate one stop (or more!) from the garbage truck route. This saves on fuel and time, which can help save on your taxes!

## BUY RULES

- Buy local. Promote local businesses and reduce shipping and transportation costs.
- Going for coffee? Bring your own mug! This will reduce your landfill contribution, and save your favorite coffee shop some money.
- Bag it. Don't use plastic or paper bags from the store. Bring your own bags and make a statement while helping Mother Earth!

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