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Special Earth Day Edition: 6 Ways to Go Green and Save Green

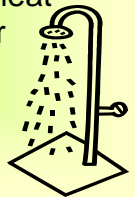
Save energy to save money

- Install *compact fluorescent light bulbs* (CFLs) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out.
- *Unplug appliances* when you're not using them.
- Wash clothes in *cold water* whenever possible.



Save water to save money

- Take *shorter showers*.
- Install a *low-flow showerhead*.
- Make sure you have a *faucet aerator* on each faucet which conserves heat and water, while keeping water pressure high.
- Plant *drought-tolerant native plants* in your garden which require less watering.



Skip the bottled water

- Use a *water filter to purify tap water* instead of buying bottled water. Not only is bottled water expensive, but it generates large amounts of container waste.
- Bring a *reusable water bottle*, preferably aluminum rather than plastic, with you when traveling or at work.



Borrow instead of buying

- *Borrow from libraries* instead of buying personal books and movies. This saves money, not to mention the ink and paper that goes into printing new books.
- *Share power tools and other appliances*. This also cuts down on the number of things cluttering your closet or garage.



Keep electronics out of the trash

- Keep your cell phones, computers, and other electronics *as long as possible*.
- *Donate or recycle* them responsibly when the time comes.
E-waste contains mercury and other toxics and is a growing environmental problem.



Think before you buy

- Go *online* to find new or gently used secondhand products. Consider a service like *craigslist* to track down furniture, appliances, and other items cheaply or for free.
- Check out *garage sales, thrift stores, and consignment shops* for clothing and other everyday items.



If you are interested in conducting research on environmental issues, check out the library database **Environment Complete**. It contains research on topics such as environmental technology and law, renewable energy sources, natural resources, and pollution & waste management

This information was retrieved from the *Worldwatch Institute*, a global environmental organization

http://www.worldwatch.org/resources/go_green_save_green