



Prevent pollution when



Driving

Avoiding driving, and conserving fuel when you do, is wallet *and* earth conscious.



Shopping

Avoid plastic whenever possible, and buy in bulk. Shop and eat local.



Discarding

Only dispose of hazardous materials like batteries and pesticides through local collection programs.

MORE INFORMATION

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TIPS FOR PREVENTING POLLUTION



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● WHEN PURCHASING

- Buy ENERGY STAR electronic equipment from manufacturers with takeback programs.
- Explore ways you can get your electricity from green power sources, whether through your current utility or elsewhere.

● WHEN LANDSCAPING

- Use a variety of native plants. These are more likely to thrive with minimal care, meaning more resources, energy and money saved.
- Consider reducing your lawn to the minimum size needed. You may find you can even do away with a lawn entirely.
- Consider ways to slow or allow infiltration of stormwater runoff.



● AT THE OFFICE

- Using double-sided copying, reusing single-sided paper, and increasing electronic mail can save a significant amount of energy and natural resources.
- Purchase paper products containing post-consumer recycled paper. One ton of recycled paper uses 50 percent less water.

● AT HOME

- Pick up pet waste, yard clippings, and fix vehicle leaks before any upcoming rain carries contaminants to your local water supply.
- Be active in local politics, holding potential polluters accountable to environmental regulations.

● WHEN DRIVING

- Leave your car at home at least two days a week — walk, bike, or take the bus or subway to work instead.
- Check your tire pressure regularly. Under-inflation increases tire wear and reduces your fuel economy.
- Recycle used motor oil — it can be re-refined and used by the petroleum industry. Recycle at a participating garage, gas station, or auto store.

● WHEN GARDENING

- If your excess pesticides cannot be properly used, dispose of them at a local household hazardous waste collection program.
- Never pour harmful household products down a sink, toilet or bathtub drain unless the label indicates it is safe to do so.

● WHEN EATING

- Eat a locally-produced diet when possible. You'll save money, eat quality foods, create jobs, increase farmlands, and strengthen your community.
- Buy food in bulk. Buy products with reusable or recyclable packaging instead of those in non-recyclable packaging when possible.