

Greening Home 101

1. **Conserve water** - turn water off while brushing teeth, have a rain barrel for roof run off to water garden, select low flow toilets, and shower heads
2. **Audit your trash to find what you can recycle. What do you have?** Aluminum, plastic bottles, small metal appliances, corrugated boxes, newspapers, clean mixed paper, phone books, clear glass- also reuse (give to Rescue Mission and Goodwill and Habitat for their stores)
3. **Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs to reduce energy use and costs** – replace appliances with energy efficient ones when needed.
4. **Don't leave anything on the ground you don't want in your water-** pick up after your pet, pick up your litter, use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly or use organic, dump no waste - goes to stream, litter hurts wildlife esp. on the road – they come to feast and are hit by cars or get trapped in a can or caught in 6 pack rings
5. **Compost your grass clippings and leaves,** let your grass fall – it is nitrogen in about 10 days or compost for rich material for gardens
6. **Select sustainable products as you remodel, build or spruce up your home** – bamboo, cork, low VOC paints, vegetated roofs, solar panels, reuse building materials
7. **Take advantage of Household Hazardous Waste Days to safely dispose of toxic and harsh chemicals** – choose healthier products or make your own.
8. **You are striving to give the earth a hand, have a healthier environment, and create an environment for good economic development. Companies want their employees in a place where there are lush green spaces, recreational activities and clean air and water. Let's do it!**

IT IS EASY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DO WHAT YOU ARE ABLE.