



Latinos Going Green

We can all do our part to tackle climate change, reduce global warming pollution, save energy and promote healthy and prosperous communities and we do this by **REDUCING, REUSING and RECYCLING**.

Here are a few steps you can take to conserve our natural resources, reduce waste and the amount of greenhouse gases you add to the atmosphere on a daily basis.

AT HOME:

- Take short showers. Turn down the temperature on your water heater to 120°F to save up to \$50 on hot water costs.
- Turn off all lights before you leave your house or apartment.
- Unplug electronics and light fixtures from the outlets. If you use power strips, turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (Electronics in standby still use several watts of power)
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Avoid the use of disposable dishware
- Replace your home's five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with models with the ENERGY STAR label to save up to \$65 each year in energy costs.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products.
- Weatherize doors and windows to reduce energy loss.
- No longer need those clothes, or working appliances? Someone else will. You can help REUSE products by selling them on Craigslist or donating them to Goodwill.

- Want to get rid of useless products? RECYCLE! Visit <http://earth911.com/> to find recycling centers near you.

ON THE ROAD:

- Bike or take public transportation when possible.
- In order to save gas and money, make sure your car's tires are properly inflated.
- Drive sensibly. Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking wastes gasoline.
- When buying a new car or truck, consider a hybrid or look for a vehicle that gets the highest possible gas mileage and still meets your needs.
- Reduce plastic bag use: If you're going to the store, take reusable bags made out of fabric instead of plastic bags. Millions of plastic bags are currently sitting in landfills and garbage cans in the US and abroad. Plastic bags take years to decompose, and those that don't make it to landfills get caught in drains, in the ocean or around animals' bodies.

AT WORK:

- Out for lunch or a long meeting? Turn off lights, computer and monitor when not in use
- Maximize the use of natural light. If it's sunny out, open up those shades and turn off other lights.
- Bring a cup, dish and utensils from home to reduce the use of disposable, plastic and non-biodegradable dishware.
- Use water filters instead of water bottles. For office events pitchers of water to reduce waste.

