

Going Green Challenge

Includes four simple steps:

- (1) Choose a planet saving chapter project.
- (2) Have a "2011: Go Green 24/7" program for one of your meetings.
- (3) Share an idea that resulted from the project or program and
- (4) Send it to our webmaster (Beth Winstead at winstead@ecu.edu) to be put on the state website.

Chapters completing all four steps will be recognized with a chapter certificate at the state convention.

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2011 Go Green 24/7

"Becoming Voices of Influence"

Personal



10 Easy Ways to Go Green

1. BYO Bag.
2. Car pool.
3. Use compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL).
4. Install a water filter on your tap so you don't feel the need to drink bottled water.
5. Take a short shower (5 to 10 minutes).
6. Weatherize your home.
7. Cut down on junk mail.
8. Invest in cloth napkins and stop buying paper ones!
9. Start recycling!
10. Turn off your computer, head outside, and do something that requires only your own energy!

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Why?

Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Global warming occurs because carbon dioxide (CO_2) and other gasses released by the combustion of fossil fuels are building up in the atmosphere and preventing the sun's heat from escaping back into space. Many scientists, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are concerned that global warming could lead to serious changes in our climate, causing more dangerous storms and hurricanes, rising sea levels, and the spread of tropical diseases. You can do your part at home:

Drive a fuel-efficient car. If your new car gets 10 mpg more than your old one, you can reduce CO_2 emissions by 2,500 pounds a year.
Walk, bike, car pool or use mass transit. If you leave your car at home two days a week, you'll reduce CO_2 emissions by 1,590 pounds a year.

Weatherize your home. Insulate walls and ceilings, caulk and weather strip around doors and windows, and wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket to reduce CO_2 emissions by up to 4,000 pounds a year.

Use energy-efficient appliances. If you replaced your existing refrigerator with a high-efficiency model, you'd reduce your CO_2 emissions by 220 pounds a year. Energy-efficient appliances are now available for microwave ovens, stoves, dishwashers and computers, as well.

Reduce, reuse and...Recycle? You guessed it. Buying food and other products in reusable or recyclable packaging can reduce CO_2 emissions by 230 pounds a year, while recycling all of your home's waste newsprint, cardboard, glass and metal can reduce emissions an additional 850 pounds a year.

Professional

Chapter Program Ideas

- Invite a local extension agent to speak about water collection and composting.
- Invite master gardener to demonstrate container gardening.
- Brainstorm how your chapter can go green.
- Invite speaker to educate members about water conservation in and around your community.
- Develop program to help seniors go green.
- Sponsor a recyclable craft event.
- Develop a chapter project that involves green ideas for schools.
- Inform members on the value of supporting fair trade products.