

My Personal Earth Care Covenant

I commit myself to honor and protect our earth home by doing some or all of the following 18 points:

- Celebrate creation in prayer/meditation time, and spend time with nature
- Eliminate littering, pick up and clean up when I can
- Purchase as many locally grown, organic, and seasonal products as possible. Grow my own and/or participate in a food co-op if feasible
- Buy only what I really need, buy from a second-hand or thrift stores, and/or think of ways to use what I already have to meet the current need
- Buy as many items as possible that contain recycled products
- Avoid products that do not biodegrade
- Avoid excessive packaging and take advantage of reusable shopping bags
- Recycle, donate, compost, and otherwise reuse as many items as possible
- Monitor energy consumption. Weatherize home, adjust the thermostat, and use energy-saving light bulbs and appliances, when feasible, to save energy
- Use a source of clean/renewable electricity for my home electric consumption
- Monitor and reduce water consumption; re-use if possible (ex: cistern)
- Keep my car maintained and tires properly inflated
- Reduce driving by carpooling, planning efficient trips and using mass transit when possible
- Reduce or eliminate use of small gasoline engines such as mowers and blowers
- Choose paints, household and personal care products that are environmentally friendly, containing no or very low levels of ozone-forming Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) wherever possible
- Dispose of toxic materials properly by taking them to approved drop off sites
- Use native plants and organic materials in my yard
- Support our congregation in all attempts to go green by employing energy efficient and renewable energies in its programs and building operations, and by minimizing the use of items such as water bottles, disposable cups, plates, etc

I realize that every little thing I do, every small choice I make each day, adds up and makes a difference. I am grateful for this opportunity to be a steward of our earth home!

Signed



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