

## **Top 10: Ways to Be Greener**

1. Reduce your junk mail: Visit [www.greendimes.com](http://www.greendimes.com), [www.dmachoice.org/MPS/mps\\_consumer\\_description.php](http://www.dmachoice.org/MPS/mps_consumer_description.php), and [www.newdream.org/junkmail/](http://www.newdream.org/junkmail/) to remove your name from direct marketing lists. It saves 16 hours of junk mail sorting and 1.5 trees per year!
2. Don't overwater your lawn: The average quarter-acre lawn gets about two-thirds more water than needed. Using only one inch of water a week is one of the most important water-saving efforts you can make!
3. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs: They last ten times longer than incandescent bulbs and use about 70% less electricity. One compact fluorescent saves about 600 pounds of coal!
4. Identify oil leaks on your vehicle: In the U.S., petroleum washed off pavement and oil dumped into storm drains sends 15 times more oil into the ocean than the Exxon Valdez spill did.
5. Curb impulse shopping: Don't buy what you don't need
6. Purchase a toilet dam: It saves 40% of water per flush and costs about \$10
7. Increase meatless meals: Animal agriculture contributes to global warming and accounts for three-fourths of all water use in the U.S. This is one of the most important actions you can take for the earth!
8. Use cloth bags: Avoiding paper bags can save one 15-year-old tree annually; avoiding plastic bags saves oil.
9. Compost all organic waste: You can reduce what you send to a landfill by about 25%
10. Walk and bike to destinations: You improve air quality, save money, get exercise, and reduce global warming!