

A Few Tips for Going Green on a Budget

Going green doesn't have to cost a lot of green! Use these simple tips to make a positive impact on the environment while keeping your wallet intact.

Shut down and unplug electronics. Make small changes to use and pay for less energy, like shutting down your computer when you're not using it and plugging your cell phone and other electronics into power strips so you can turn several devices off with one switch.

Wash your clothes in cold water. By using cold water instead of warm, the average household can avoid emitting 1,281 pounds of carbon dioxide annually and save on energy bills.

Fill your bottle with filtered tap water. Choose the greener solution by using a reusable bottle and filling it with filtered tap water.

Invest in high-quality, long-lasting products. You might pay more now, but you'll be happy when you don't have to replace items as frequently (and this means less waste!).

Share more - Buy Less. Share power tools and other appliances. Get to know your neighbors while cutting down on the number of things cluttering your closet or garage.

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Help RFUMC Go Green

To support the Church Council decision to find ways to make our church more environmentally-friendly, you may opt to receive a paperless version of the Circuit Rider. The newsletter will still be printed and delivered to those who want/need a printed copy, but we're proposing that if you want to go green, you can access the monthly edition on our website to read at your office or at home. Think of the trees you'll save!

An added benefit is that those who have been faithfully copying and preparing the newsletter for distribution will have more time for other church volunteer work, and we will also save printing and postage costs.

If you'd like to take part please send an e-mail to circuitrider@rfumc.org with the subject line

"I WANT TO HELP RFUMC GO GREEN" or you may fill out the information below and bring it to the church office.

Name: _____

I want to "go green" and read my copy of the Circuit Rider on the church web site at www.rfumc.org. Please email me when the CR is published

Email address: _____

I still want a printed copy of the *Circuit Rider* mailed to me

I would like to pick up a printed copy of the *Circuit Rider* at church
(no need to mail)

Comments/more suggestions for us to go green? Please share.