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We've told you how our parks are "going green" with recycling, cfl light bulbs, tankless water heaters and more.....how are you "going green" around your workplace and home? Tell us, we'd love to hear!



Tricia Crawford We recycle where we can, use CFL bulbs, plant a garden every year, use only one vehicle during the week, turn lights and water off when not needed and set the thermostat to 68 in Winter and 78 in Summer

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Paul Anslow I shy away from the CFLs because of the mercury, especially in fixtures that might get knocked over by the cats or kids. I have, however, been switching much of my lighting to LEDs (no mercury, and they use about 10% the power of incandescents as compared to ~25% for CFLs! And they last even longer than CFLs, too.). We recycle everything we can, including stuff that isn't collected curbside (glass, office paper, pasteboard).

I have been clearing a section of the back yard for gardening this year, and I am going to restart my compost pile. I am also researching the idea of a worm pile. Newer, more efficient HVAC units were installed 2 years ago when the original ones gave out. At the same time, we installed and programmed programmable thermostats and that made a HUGE difference in the power bills.

When the water heater gives out, we are going to install tankless units.

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Wes Cooler While you're at it, please remove the 'lollipop' outdoor lights at the Table Rock Visitor's Center and replace them with lighting more in keeping with the setting along a National Scenic Byway. It's supposed to be dark in the country at night. A good rule of thumb for outdoor lighting in the country is that you may see the effects of the light, but never the source.

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Wes Cooler IV Agreed ^

at 2:24:19 on 3/18/2010 UTC



South Carolina State Parks Thanks for the comment, Wes. We will pass it along.

at 13:29:12 on 3/18/2010 UTC



Rufus Brown Yeah, CFL bulbs you have to be careful with, I don't use them. If not properly disposed of they wind up in the landfill, break and release mercury. Not to mention breaking one in the house.

at 16:52:41 on 3/18/2010 UTC



Nancy Golini Bilton Thanks for the info on the CFL bulbs. Our electric company sent us free ones so we have slowly switched over but I had no idea about the mercury.

at 18:01:08 on 3/18/2010 UTC



Laura Kirk I've been using them for years and never had one break. My pets have knocked over lamps time and time again and the CFL remained unbroken. Home Depot will take unbroken expired ones.

<http://www6.homedepot.com/ecoptions/pdf/CFL-RecyclingProgramRevised.pdf>

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