

Be More Sustainable at Home

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Ten Tips

Bike, Bus, or Walk

Use alternative transportation to save money on gas, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, get a healthy workout, and get to know your neighbors—all at the same time.

Switch to EWEB Greenpower

EWEB has made it easy and affordable to switch to a cleaner, renewable energy source. Find out more at www.eweb.org/home/renewable.

Buy Locally

Purchase organic, local products to support our economy and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases produced by transportation. Remember to bring your reusable shopping bags!

Eat Less Meat

Studies have shown that consuming meat and dairy products has a similar effect on climate change as driving your car. This doesn't mean you have to give up meat altogether — try having a vegetarian meal a few times a week.

Change a Light

Replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights can save you up to 15% on your electricity bills.

Turn Off and Unplug Electronics

Save electricity and extend the life of your devices by switching them off when not in use. Unplug DVD players, computers and other electronic equipment (many use power even when turned off).

Use a Low-Flow Showerhead

A low-flow showerhead uses 60% less water and could save you \$200 per year.

Simplify Your Life

Limit your purchases; buy second-hand products and appliances. Purchasing out of necessity limits waste and reduces greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the production and transport of goods.

Utilize Curbside Recycling

Eugene's recycling rate is near 54% — there's always room for improvement!

Tell Your Friends

Reuse this pamphlet by passing it on to someone else, and share what you've learned with friends, family, and co-workers.

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Audit Your Energy Use

Energy audits are a great first step towards creating an energy reduction and cost savings plan. EWEB offers free, online energy analysis at www.energyguide.com/energysmartsbe.

Power Up With Clean Energy

Switching to a renewable energy source like EWEB's Greenpower can dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from your business.

Encourage Public Transportation and Bike Use

Offer free or discounted bus passes and provide bike lockers for employees. Federal law allows many of these benefits to be offered tax-free, and they are a great way to attract and retain well-qualified staff.

Start a Recycling Program

Your business can save money by implementing a comprehensive recycling program. This is a simple, low-cost way to reduce garbage-hauling fees and conserve resources.

Upgrade to ENERGY STAR

By purchasing ENERGY STAR equipment, a typical office with 100 employees can cut its annual electricity costs by nearly \$5,000.

Make Sustainable Purchases

Support the economy that supports you by buying locally. Buying bulk, recycled-content goods can also save money and reduce resource consumption. Also, minimize the amount of packaging for goods purchased and sold.

Toxic Material Reduction

If you use toxic products in your business, create an inventory of these materials, and find substitutes whenever possible.

Build Green

Incorporate green building features into your new or existing place of work. Sustainable commercial buildings are eligible for a tax credit from the Oregon Department of Energy. For more information on what steps to take, visit www.usgbc.org.

Emphasize Sustainability in the Work Place

Create a staff team or education program to help make employees aware of the total energy cost for the facility. Encourage them to brainstorm ways to operate more sustainably.

Install Motion Sensors

Motion and occupancy sensors can cut energy use by 10% and may qualify your business for a Business Energy Tax Credit from the State of Oregon.