

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
CREATION CARE INITIATIVE PRESENTS

BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF GOD'S CREATION

YES - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



CONSERVE WATER

NOT USING IT? TURN IT OFF!

Even if we might get plenty of rain, much of the world doesn't ... and clean, fresh water is in very short supply for 600 million people.

Cut back on watering your lawn and choose native plants for your back yard - less water, more butterflies!

*[**see below for more about native plants]*

REDUCE YOUR WASTE

MAKE IT A HABIT TO RECYCLE TOO

If you can, compost vegetable waste and leaves. Don't waste food - use re-usable fridge containers to store leftovers. Avoid plastic when purchasing food items and storing them; choose glass over plastic when you can, and always recycle.



CHOOSE TO USE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

... WITH ENERGY-SAVING APPLIANCES

Using wind and solar ([via papowerswitch.com](http://via.papowerswitch.com)) will reduce CO2 emissions as well as help keep the air that we breathe clean - asthmatics and others can die in polluted air.

WALK AND TRAVEL GREEN

LESS POLLUTION, MORE BENEFITS

Get your exercise and reduce your pollution footprint! Walk, bike, and take public transport when you can.



KNOW WHAT YOU ARE EATING

**WHAT'S THE IMPACT ON PEOPLE
AND THE PLANET?**



Eat fish? Make sure it has been sustainably caught or farmed.
Drink coffee? Buy shade-grown to protect the rainforest.
Research whether the groceries you buy are fairly traded.

****Native Plants** are those found naturally in your area. They are more resilient than other garden plants and will attract more wildlife. Visit www.wildflower.org to learn more.

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