



Coffee and refreshments

- eliminate disposables/use earth friendly coffee

- Use only shade grown coffee (this protects the rainforests)
- Use washable non-disposable dinnerware.
(Greco in Springfield sells bulk dinnerware sets)
- Use napkins of recycled content
- Offer a receptacle for compost friendly waste (plant based/coffee/tea)
- Keep large glass containers of water on hand in the refrigerator with reusable glasses nearby for drinking water.
(Please do not keep plastic bottled water onsite)
- Keep cloth dish towels in the kitchen for clean up. Set up a team for taking the used towels home to launder.
- Avoid serving beef as a dish.
(Cattle production severely impacts our global water supply, causes deforestation and methane gas emissions)

Janitorial Practices - Non-toxic, reusable materials

- Implement non-toxic cleaners, use washable towels for cleaning
(Many non-toxic cleaners are available that are effective)
- Place recycling containers throughout facility for paper, plastic, tin and aluminum
- Reduce use of paper towels
- Switch out all incandescent bulbs to CFLs
- Avoid changing out garbage can liners that are relatively clean

Office Practices - Reduce paper and recycle

- Switch to copy paper of recycled content
- Save single sided copies for reuse for future printing tasks
- Utilize email and website for communications for board and congregants as much as possible
- Utilize recycling services and free shredding services
- Encourage members to utilize the church website and email
- Keep the thermostat at 76 or above in summer and 72 in the winter.
- Get on the Do Not Mail List for direct mailings (greendimes.com)
- Purchase rechargeable batteries and a charger
- Teach copier users how to utilize discarded one sided copies

Lawn Practices - Non-toxic and Low water use

- Landscape to reduce water demand, consider rain barrel and rain garden use to reduce water demand
- Reduce use of pesticides and herbicides
- Invest in an electric lawn mower to reduce emissions if affordable

Quick Checklist for Congregations on Environmental Stewardship

*This checklist is for your congregation to give a brief review of your current practices
If you are interested in sharing ideas with other congregations, please consider mailing this to the Green Worship Network, Unity, 417 Cordelia, Springfield, IL 62702 or email: unityofspringfield@sbcglobal.net*

What does your church recycle?: (circle all that would apply)

Paper Cardboard Plastic Aluminum/Tin

How does the recycling get picked up and do you pay a fee for this?

What recycled products do you use? Do you recommend any particular supplier?
(copy-paper, toilet paper, paper towels for example)

Types of Containers Used in On-hand Beverages Available:

Canned soda Large non-disposable containers of water Plastic bottles (not recommended)

Having bulk water and non-disposable drinking glasses available are an excellent way to conserve water.

What non-toxic cleaners are you using? Do you recommend any particular supplier?

What water conservation techniques are you using if any? If so, what are they or what are your hopes and plans for this? (rain gardens, rain barrels, etc)

What percentage of disposables vs. non-disposable dinnerware in fellowship gatherings are used?:

100% non-disposables used ____% disposables used ____% non-disposables used

Lighting

____% CFL bulbs in spot lighting ____% Incandescent bulbs used ____% T8/T5 Florescent ____% T12 Florescent
(T8's, T-5's and CFLs are the most efficient presently)

Do you have UV Blocking Film on Windows or Energy Efficient Windows?

LED bulbs in Exit signs (a wonderful energy saver)

Are there green projects in the planning stage and if so, what resources would make them happen?

LOCAL RESOURCES IN GREEN WORSHIP

AS OF 04/2010

Schnucks: Union based, offers shade grown coffee, recycled napkins, garbage bags & plates.

Masco Packaging: Non-toxic cleaners in bulk, paper towels, kleenex and toilet paper of recycled content

R.D. McMillen Enterprises: Bay West recycled paper towels, kleenex, and toilet paper

Food Fantasies: Seventh Generation products, shade grown/fair trade coffees

Staples: The best deal on 100% recycled copy paper, delivery is free over a certain amount

Target: Rainforest certified coffees for fellowship hour, containers for collecting compost for deposit outside.

Lowes and Menards: Affordable CFL bulbs for all types of lighting, dimmable etc.

Springfield Electric: 100 watt CFLs, excellent for spots that need extra bright sanctuary lighting will order specialty lighting and recycle your used CFLs & fluorescents

Ace Hardware: CFL Recycling

Steep n Brew: Online, based in Wisconsin Offers a fair-trade/shade grown coffee for \$6 a bag

Affordable Shred: This company will come to non-profits on site and shred documents for free.

Lake Area Recycling: Drop off your bulk recycling for free

Allied Waste and Waste Management: Offers includes glass and non-sorted recycling for their customers

Kmart: Scott Naturals recycled napkins

Rexx Batteries: battery chargers and rechargeable batteries

Quill: Refurbished cartridges, disposable cups and plates of 100% recycled content

WHY GREEN YOUR WORSHIP PRACTICES?



1. **Saving paper—saves \$**
It takes a little time but once a system is developed, being careful and reusing blank sheets of paper can and encouraging copier users to do so as well can cut your paper use in by 50%.
2. **Switching to non-disposables saves the landfills, cuts emissions and reduces costs.**
Once a supply of reusable dinnerware is purchased and a dishwasher to run them through, there is no longer the need to make monthly purchases of dinnerware. It also takes water and energy to make disposable dinnerware products.
3. **Energy use reduction**
Switching to CFLs from incandescents and to T-5/T-8 fluorescents significantly cuts your energy bills.
4. **We are all connected**
As we reduce our impact we take care of one another.

Greening Your Worship Center

Basic Guidelines and Resources

**saving time and energy
by sharing ideas and information**



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