

Summer

Reduce / Reuse / Recycle Tips

- Bring a bag for recyclables to BBQs.
- Try to use as little paper and plastic dining ware for outdoor parties.
- Walk or bike to where you need to go! Use the nice weather as an excuse to get outside instead of drive your car.
- If you have a boat, eliminate unnecessary idling, avoid spilling gas, and limit engine operation at full throttle.
- Buy fresh food from local farmers' markets as much as possible.
- Leave the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally and save yourself from bagging the clippings.
- Turn your thermostat up one or two degrees and grab a glass or water with ice!
- Water the lawn on cool, cloudy days as you will reduce the amount lost to evaporation.
- Use an energy-efficient air conditioner.
- If you barbecue frequently at home, consider replacing your charcoal grill with an electric one. Electric grills generate far fewer air pollutants than burning charcoal, or even propane gas.
- If you go camping, put nature first (take only pictures, leave only footprints), use established trails, minimize the impact of your campsite, don't litter, and wash at least 100 feet away from water.
- Plant one of these grasses:
 - **Yarrow** – withstands light foot-traffic and grows in poor, dry soil.
 - **Alyssum** - tolerates dry soil and is very attractive in bloom.
 - **Thyme** - grows low, spreads quickly, and offers colors ranging from light lemon yellow to deep grayish green; several types make for great ground covers.
 - **Sweet Woodruff** - loves shade, has slight, sweet fragrance, and sports fine white flowers when in bloom; not very tolerant of foot traffic.



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