





How to Make Every Day Earth Day





## Turning Off the Lights

Working with non-essential lights off is a symbol of committing to wanting to change the earth's climate and reducing greenhouse emissions into the environment.



## Earth Day Friday, April 22nd





EnviroForensics encourages all to turn off the non-essential lights Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the office.

In the US, the average home uses about 1000 kilowatts/hrs of electricity per month. That's equivalent to 79 gallons of gas, 18 trees or 19 barbecue grill propane cylinders!

## **Update your Lights**

As well as turning off the lights, make it a point to switch to energy-saving light bulbs (LED or CFL bulbs).

#### These bulbs:

- •Will keep a half-ton of CO2 out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb, if you replace just one regular lightbulb with a CFL.
- Are longer lasting than regular bulbs
- Conserve energy
- Are cost effective



# Different Ways to Travel to Work

Bike



**Carpool** 

Bus



## Skipping the Bath or...

Reduce your time in the shower.



The average person uses about 50 gallons of water when they shower. A bath uses about 70 gallons of water!

### By conserving water you can:

- Save money
- Save energy used to treat and pump water
- Protect drinking water sources





## Go Minimalist





"Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful." -William Morris

Live with less stuff by **getting rid of what you don't need**.



## Follow the 7 R's





- Reuse rather than buying new every time.
- Repurpose discarded items into new, functional objects.
- Rot: compost everything organic
- Repair rather than replace
- Return: buy from companies with return policies
- Refill rather than buying disposable bottles and paper cups.
- Refuse to buy overpackaged, disposable, single-use items.







## Volunteer



Celebrate Earth Day by getting your hands dirty in a meaningful way by planting a tree or cleaning up a park.

- Join your local Sierra Club
- Visit your local government website for other environmental volunteer possibilities

## EnviroForensics volunteering with the Indy Urban Acres Organization







