



25 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT



At home:

1. Recycle all the materials accepted in your local recycling program. Many communities recycle materials such as paper, aluminum, plastic bottles, glass, and steel cans. To sign up for recycling collection in Denver, call Denver Recycles at 720-865-6805 or visit www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles. There is no charge to participate.
2. Save kitchen scraps for a compost pile.
3. Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
4. Use old cotton T-shirts for rags.
5. Use outdated or unwanted mail for scratch paper. Recycle what you can't use.
6. Use reusable plates and utensils instead of disposable tableware.
7. Use reusable containers or empty yogurt or butter tubs to store food instead of aluminum foil and "cling" wrap.
8. Ask your parents to have leaky faucets fixed. A steady drip can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day.
9. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving.
10. Be a trash can detective. Inspect your trash for a few days to reveal what else can be reused, recycled, or composted.



In the yard:

11. Compost your leaves, cut grass and yard debris in your own backyard. The finished compost can be used to plant flowers and vegetables.
12. Use recycled wood chips as mulch to keep down weeds, retain moisture and prevent erosion.



On the go:

13. Walk or ride a bike whenever possible.
14. Use a litterbag in your car.



At the store:

15. Bring your own canvas bags instead of using a paper or plastic bag.
16. If you only buy one or two items tell the cashier that you don't need a bag.
17. Purchase products in bulk.
18. Avoid products with excess packaging.
19. Avoid single serving food items such as juice boxes, lunch items, cereal variety packs, etc.
20. Think and ask if you really need the product.
21. Buy products packaged in recycled materials.
22. Buy products packaged in materials that are recyclable in your community.



At school:

23. Make use of discarded paper by using it for scratch paper.
24. Ask your teacher to copy and print on both sides of the handout papers.
25. Bring your lunch in a reusable container.

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