

49 Ways That You Can Help KEEP CHARLOTTE GREEN

RECYCLING

- 1. Recycle all bottles and cans
- 2. Recycle all personal electronics
- 3. Bring your own reusable grocery bags when shopping
- 4. Buy things with recycled material in them
- 5. Reduce waste as much as possible

ENERGY CONSERVATION

- 6. Turn off the lights when not in use
- 7. Turn off your computer when not in use
- 8. Turn your thermostat up two degrees in the summer and down two degrees in the winter
- 9. Check your windows and doors for air leaks.
- 10. Buy Energy Star rated appliances

WATER CONSERVATION

- 11. Purchase a low flow shower head
- 12. Turn off water while brushing your teeth
- 13. Report leaks in buildings
- 14. Take shorter, 3 minute showers
- 15. Don't leave the water running when washing dishes

AIR QUALITY

- 16. Take public transportation more often
- 17. Walk or ride a bike
- 18. Be energy cautious
- 19. Shop by phone or email
- 20. Obey the speed limit. The average fuel efficient speed is 55 mph
- 21. Dry your clothes on a clothesline

Green Design

- 22. Use the daylight as much as possible for lighting
- 23. Decorate with plants. They provide air filters
- 24. Use energy efficient light bulbs
- 25. Buy supplies locally
- 26. Select efficient windows

WILD LIFE CONSERVATION

- 27. When fishing, don't keep small fish
- 28. Be alert and slow down at dawn and dusk. Wildlife may still be active
- 29. Refuse to buy rare or endangered animal products
- 30. Participate in local clean ups, tree plantings or weed clean ups.
- 31. Keep your pets from attacking wildlife.

LITTER PREVENTION

- 32. Dispose of all cigarette butts properly
- 33. Use cloth napkins as much as possible
- 34. Reuse cardboard boxes, plastic bags and paper sacks
- 35. Use biodegradable disposable dishes
- 36. Remember to pick up after yourself
- 37. Give unwanted clothing and shoes to a local Goodwill
- 38. Disposed of batteries in the battery drop offs on campus
- 39. Buy rechargeable batteries

Environmental Health

- 40. Protect yourself from the sun, wear SPF at all times
- 41. Eat foods grown as close to home as possible
- 42. Encourage home grown vegetables at home
- 43. Dry clean your clothes as least as possible. Chemicals they use can cause cancer
- 44. Eat more veggies. Eat less meat.

Hazardous Material

- 45. Use environmentally friendly cleansers
- 46. Make sure aerosol are completely used and have lost all pressure. Wrap in newspaper and dispose
- 47. Don't mix hazardous materials. Dispose of separately
- 48. Recycle motor oil and fuel oils at service station
- 49. Call your local recycling department when you are unsure of how to dispose of an item