

Care of Creation Tips

In gratitude, caring for God's Air, Water, and Land

A lot of "just one persons" working together can accomplish mighty things.

~ A message from your OSLC Care of Creation team.

This Little Light of Mine . . . Makes a Difference

Our electricity is generated at a cost to the environment, especially air pollution from coal-fired electric power plants. We don't want you to hide your light under a bushel, no . . . but we do want you to turn off unneeded lights when you leave a room to reduce electricity use. You can be a light unto the world, without leaving one on.



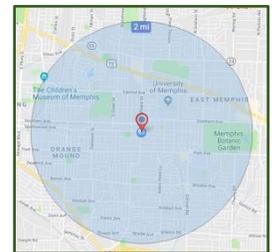
Take a Powder



Think about the environmental consequences of liquid laundry detergent. As with many products, the plastic container uses petroleum products and is most often not recycled. There are also the air pollution emissions from transporting the product to the stores and your home. You can eliminate several environmental effects by switching a paperboard box of powdered detergent. The paperboard is made from a renewable tree resource that is more readily recycled. Air pollution from shipping is greatly reduced because the product is more compact and weighs less without the water content. Detergent for more loads of laundry can be delivered in fewer truckloads. Most popular brands are available in powder form, and if you want the convenience of liquid detergent, just save your last plastic container and premix the powder with water before laundry day. You'll be helping clean up the environment while you clean your clothes.

Walk-Back Range

When the Apollo astronauts use a rover to explore the moon, they never drove beyond the distance where they could walk back to the lunar lander if the rover broke down. You can do your own version with a Walk-To-And-Back range. Draw a circle at a one or two-mile range around your house on a map. You may be surprised how many places you go are within this walking range. Take along a rolling cart or wagon, and you can carry items or kids to and from those locations . . . while you help keep our air clean and reduce the use of fuel that adds to climate change.



A Matter of Degrees



With freezing temperatures and snow returning to our region, you've likely started up your home heating system. Because all heating systems fueled by natural and propane gas, diesel, wood, and electricity (often generated by coal burning) create carbon dioxide, they all contribute greenhouse gases to the atmosphere and add to climate change. If we all lower your home thermostats by two degrees, the total reduction in carbon dioxide will be significant. You may not even notice the slightly lower temperature, and if you do, a sweater will help you take this important step.