25 Steps for Under $25

LIGHTING
- Turn off the lights in unused rooms.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs for the lights you use most.
- Replace your halogen lamp with a compact fluorescent one.
- Light your holiday tree with LED lights and not incandescent.

HOME APPLIANCES & GADGETS
- Unplug and recycle your old downstairs refrigerator.
- Hang your clothes to dry, rather than using the dryer.
- Cut your phantom electric loads by installing surge protectors for your TV/stereo and turning off your home office equipment.
- Run your dishwasher only with a full load, with “energy-saving” setting to dry your dishes. Or don’t use heat for drying cycle.
- Use a manual push mower with sharp blades.
- Use your microwave, for 2/3 less energy than your stove.

HOME HEATING AND COOLING
- Set your winter thermostat for 68° and summer for 78°.
- Don’t overheat or overcool rooms. Adjust your thermostat lower in winter and higher in summer.
- Clean or replace your air filters as recommended.
- Caulk or weather-strip around doors & windows to plug air leaks.

WATER
- Reduce your shower time by 5 minutes.
- Wash clothes in warm or cold water.
- Fix defective plumbing or dripping faucets.
- Turn down your water heater’s thermostat to 120°.
- Install low-flow showerheads to use less hot water.
- Install faucet aerators.
- If your water heater is 5 years old, wrap it in an insulating jacket.

GETTING AROUND
- Whenever possible, walk, bike, carpool, or use mass transit.
- Check the inflation in your tires to increase fuel efficiency.
- Change your vehicle’s air filter according to owner’s manual.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
- Reduce waste by recycling and composting.
- Reduce waste by buying minimally packaged goods, reusable products, using cloth grocery bags, and buying food in bulk.

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