

Environmentally Friendly Ways You can...

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle & More

REDUCE

- Reduce time with video on while video calling. [Studies show](#) the carbon emissions from video calling are cut by 95% when you turn off your camera.
- Reduce water usage on your lawn by keeping the grass length taller, so moisture stays in the soil longer and the grass doesn't have to be watered or mowed as frequently.
- Since carpooling and public transportation are less safe during the pandemic, here are tips for safe driving: 1) Pump up your tires, this [improves](#) your gas mileage and efficiency, and makes the tires last longer. 2) Take it easy on the brakes and gas pedal also reduces the impacts of your driving.
- Offset the carbon emissions from your road trips, household activities, or online learning by donating to [Eden Reforestation Projects](#), a non-profit in Madagascar, focused on the planting of trees. See our page on offsetting emissions from EBC trips [here](#).

REUSE

- Wash plastic bread bags and shopping bags to reuse. Pet owners can also reuse these bags to pick up pet waste. Used condiment containers and can be washed out for reuse.
- Donate old clothes, shoes, and toys. Also buy secondhand items and borrow from others!
- Subscribe to local “Buy Nothing” Facebook groups.

RECYCLE

- Sign up for [Ridwell](#), a local startup that allows you to recycle materials like plastic film, Styrofoam, fabric scraps, and batteries, which normally can't be recycled. You can also safely dispose of lightbulbs and other household objects that are dangerous to put in the trash.

BEYOND

- Do the [Green Home Challenge](#), a Kirkland-based project with sustainability challenges for your household.
- Try out the [Zero Waste Challenge](#) to reduce the waste you and your family produce.
- Read about [Project Drawdown](#) to learn about today's top 100 climate solutions.