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Being intentionally eco-friendly has to do with celebrating God’s creativity, **being** wise with what He’s given us, and passing on those values to the next generation.

Being environmentally-friendly is just good economics—in our home and budget, *and* with the earth God gave us.

There are many little things we can do in our homes to play a small part in reducing landfill waste, cleaning the air, and preserving the natural landscape.

We double our efforts when we get our kids involved, helping them understand the **why** to our **what WE ARE DOING**. As we tackle Spring Clean Up, keep in mind following ideas.....

RECYCLE – REUSE – REDUCE: the keys to caring for our planet. IDEAS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL AS ADULTS

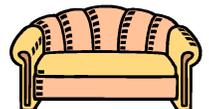
RECYCLE

- **Cell phones** in working condition with chargers for reuse can be deposited in labeled box in church hallway. They are taken to the Domestic Crisis Center for emergency use by their clients.



REUSE

- **“Gently” used or new books** for pre-school through elementary school aged children can be placed in the labeled box on pew in church hallway. These books will be taken to Christian Community Action / Person-2-Person in South Norwalk for children of their clients.
- **Furniture items** can be picked up by Person-2-Person and donated to someone in need. Contact Kathy Jacobs at 203-939-1652 weekdays 9 AM – 11 AM or leave a message.
- **Plastic bags** can be reused by bringing them to St. Jerome and place them in the large cardboard box in church hallway near rear entrance. Christian Community Action and Person-2-Person use your plastic bags for giving food pantry items to clients.



REDUCE

- **Turn off water** instead of running it while you’re brushing your teeth.
- **Take shorter showers.** Make it a game. Set a kitchen timer to see how long it takes for a shower and then try to do shorter amount of time.
- **Turn off lights when leaving a room** and start purchasing LED lights as replacements.
- **Unplug chargers** and appliances when not in use.
- **Shut down** your computer at night.



Websites for More Green Ideas

- www.thedailygreen.com
- www.worldwatch.org
- www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen



- Or just google “recycling ideas” or “going green” for other ideas.