



These **GREEN TIPS** help the environment  
(and save you money).

*Add some green to your life!*

▼ **BYOB.**



**Bring Your Own Bag** (when you shop). Sturdy, reusable bags are available at grocery stores for about \$1. Keep bags in your back seat so you won't forget them.

▼ **Cover your back side.**



Cut waste 50% by **using both sides of the paper**. Set your printer default to duplex (two-sided) printing. Make double-sided copies whenever possible.

▼ **Give trash a new life.**



Select an item you currently throw away (such as newspapers or cans), and **start recycling** it. Find out how by visiting: [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).

▼ **Wash your car, not the driveway.**



Save water by **going to a car wash that recycles its water**. If you wash your own car—park it on the grass, use a bucket of soapy water, and a hose with a shutoff nozzle.

▼ **Make that a cold one.**



Use **cold water for washing clothes** whenever possible. About 90% of the energy a washing machine uses is for heating the water.

▼ **Idling is getting you nowhere.**



Save gas and reduce emissions by **turning off your engine** when you are parked or stopped (except in traffic) for more than a minute. Avoid drive-thrus.

▼ **Shower yourself with savings.**



**Keep your showers to five minutes or less** (really!). Short showers and low-flow showerheads save water and money.

▼ **Borrow before you buy.**



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