

WASTE REDUCTION

REDUCE

1. Thanks to the generosity of church members, meals taken at church often end with a food surplus! When planning a buffet, tea or meal at church **identify** an organization in your community where this food surplus may be distributed effectively, such as, a soup kitchen for the homeless.
2. **Do not buy** bottled water and **post** the “Bottled Water Free Zone” poster in your dining area (*in Members’ Section*).
3. **Use** china dishes and silverware dishware and cutlery in your church **instead of** disposable paper/plastic dishes and utensils. **Wash** dishes together while singing and having fun!
4. **Replace** Styrofoam cups with a re-usable solution, like ceramic mugs. You can even buy “*Green Church*” mugs in our online boutique.



REUSE

5. **Use** the reverse side of paper sheets as scrap paper.
6. **Reuse** envelopes by sticking on a new label.
7. **Reuse** procession candles until they are fully consumed.
8. **Repair** anything that is broken and **resist** the temptation to buy new.
9. **Hold** a bazaar and give useful objects a second life.
10. **Shop** at a local thrift store and donate your clothing and goods there as well.



RECYCLE

11. **Collect and properly dispose of** old ink cartridges and cell phones to **avoid** having them end up in a landfill.
12. **Place** recycling bins for paper, tin, glass and plastic in easily accessible areas.
13. **Recycle** paper which has been used on both sides.
14. **Recycle** paper after shredding (even if it contained confidential data).
15. **Put** a bin for battery collection in a prominent place with the “God Rules with Energy” poster (*in the Toolbox*). Afterwards, bring the full bin to a collection point (see Call2Recycle.ca).





COMPOST

16. **Install** a composting bin for all plant material (fruit/vegetable peels and flowers), if you have a garden or backyard. The compost may be used to fertilize the church's garden and it's easy to do! Many municipalities offer composting bins at a reduced price.
17. **Place** the composter in an easily accessible place, directly on well-drained, semi-shaded, well-ventilated soil.
18. If there is a collective kitchen, **explore** how to value the remains of tables for municipal compost. Add also the so-called "compostable" materials bearing the logo, such as plates and compostable glasses for example.
19. **Print** and laminate the poster of the materials accepted for compost in your community (in the POSTERS section of the website). For example, avoid putting meat, bones, oils, dairy products or garlic in the cpmpost.



PURCHASE RECYCLED



20. **Buy** 100% recycled paper for printers.
21. **Purchase** toilet paper, paper towels and tissue paper made from 100% recycled paper.
22. **Look** for the "recycled" logo, with the white möbius inside a black circle.
23. In the case of soft drinks, it is better to **buy** aluminum cans, infinitely recyclable, compared to plastic that is not.
24. **Look** for products made from recycled materials, such as recycled paint, rugs male of recycled material recycled cloth rugs, recycled plastic garden furniture.

