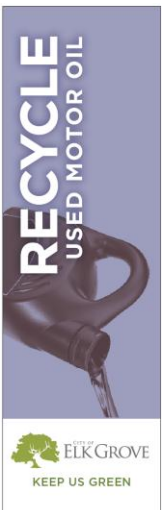




- The average food item travels about 1,500 miles before reaching your plate. It means eating locally grown food can help reduce the amount of energy and CO₂ emissions released into atmosphere.
- When you spend \$100 at a local business, 58% more money on average stays in your community compared to what would have happened if you spent that hundred dollars at a national chain store.
- Locally-owned retail businesses recycle much more of their revenue in the surrounding community than do their chain competitors, since they tend to buy their supplies and services locally.
- Fuel costs, greenhouse gas emissions, and wear-and-tear on the roadways are all greatly reduced when consumers shop close to home.



- Motor oil gets dirty but does not wear out.
- Oil can be recycled by re-refining the oil and it can be used again and again, and can help to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- 2.5 quarts of re-refined lubricating oil can be produced from one gallon of used oil.
- Just two gallons of recycled oil can help a power plant keep your home humming with electricity for 24 hours.



- It is illegal to dispose of batteries in the trash in California. The chemicals that give batteries their “juice” to make our portable devices work are considered hazardous materials under California’s Universal Waste Rule. Batteries contain cadmium, lead, potassium hydroxide, and a host of other toxic constituents that can cause irreparable reproductive disorders, as well as kidney, liver and neurological dysfunctions.
- Americans purchase nearly 3 billion dry-cell batteries every year to power radios, toys, cellular phones, watches, laptop computers, and portable power tools.
- Rechargeable batteries produce less waste because they can be recharged with a simple battery charger and then reused hundreds of times.



KEEP US GREEN



BURN CALORIES NOT GAS



- Drivers in the United States wasted 4.2 billion hours sitting in traffic in 2005, and traffic delays chewed through 2.9 billion gallons of fuel.
- 40% of all car trips made in the United States are less than 2 miles, which could easily be done by bike.
- The United States accounts for 30% of the world's automobiles and require 8.2 million barrels of oil a day to operate them -- that's 11% of the world's daily oil consumption. And all that fuel we burn fills the air with 1,300 million tons of CO₂ each year.
- The automobile sector accounts for 30% of the greenhouse gas emissions in our atmosphere.

SAVE ENERGY SWITCH IT OFF



- Lighting is responsible for about 11% of a home's energy bill.
- A normal bulb will use 60 watts of energy an hour, meaning that you could conserve nearly 22,000 watts of energy per year by just switching off one bulb for one hour every day -- that's enough energy to power your television for a month.
- Dimming your lights an average of 50% can cut your electric use by 40% over time, and make your bulbs last 20 times longer.
- Idle current, or standby power, is what occurs when your electronics are turned off -- but they are still using energy from your home. Amazingly enough, this accounts for around 10% of your monthly energy bill while emitting more than 27 million tons of CO₂ into the environment.

DO THE RIGHT THING
REDUCE WASTE



- Each person produces 4.6 lbs. of trash per day in the United States.
- Recycling saves energy:
 - Aluminum -- 35,680,000 barrels of oil
 - Glass -- 460,000 barrels of oil
 - Newspaper -- 2,920,000 barrels of oil
 - Office paper -- 1,760,000 barrels of oil
 - Mixed residential paper -- 4,010,000 barrels of oil
 - PET (plastic) -- 9,100,000 barrels of oil
 - HDPE (plastic) -- 8,870,000 barrels of oil
- There has been about a **100%** increase in the total recycling in the United States during the past decade.