

UCC Environmental Action January/February Pledge

In order to help reduce energy waste at home; I pledge when possible to:



Easy Actions

- ✓ Turn off lights when not needed
- ✓ Reduce hot water temperature to 120° F
- ✓ Set thermostat to 65 ° F or lower in the winter and 75 ° F or higher in the summer
- ✓ Dry clothes on clothesline or drying rack whenever possible
- ✓ Air-dry your dishes if using automatic dishwasher
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- ✓ Take shorter/fewer showers
- ✓ Don't converse with friends with your front door open during hot or cold days

Quick Payback Actions

- ✓ Replace all often-used incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent light bulbs
- ✓ Have an energy audit done on your home and develop an energy reduction plan
- ✓ Near end of life cycle, replace high with low energy usage appliances
- ✓ Use power strips with on-off switch for electronic items that draw current even when not powered "on".
- ✓ Place an insulating blanket on hot water heater and put a timer on hot water heater, to cycle off when not needed
- ✓ Replace leaking windows and doors with low-e windows and sliding doors
- ✓ Add extra attic insulation

Longer Term Heroic Actions

- ✓ If renovating, install passive solar energy improvements such as photo-voltaic solar for electrical power, solar hot-water panels or solar hot water tubes

For more information go to
"Sign the Green Pledge" at
<http://www.uccjustice.org>

Don't forget to visit our Pledge Table to put your name on the leaf provided as a sign of your commitment. Then hang this list up at home to help you remember your pledge!

Thank you.

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