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1 REPLACE THAT 'WATER HOG' TOILET

The City of Albuquerque now offers a \$200 rebate for replacing a water hog toilet, that may use as much as 8 gallons per flush, with a high-efficiency toilet that uses 1.28 gallons or less per flush. Here's your chance to help preserve water resources and save money!

INSTALL PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS

Programmable thermostats are smart. They're so smart, they make sure you're comfortable, save money, conserve energy, and help fight global warming. When programmed correctly, programmable thermostats can reduce energy usage by 15-25%. Thermostats are the way to go!

3 POWER STRIPS ARE AWESOME

The average computer workstation is using 400 watts of power every hour just by being plugged in. By plugging everything into a power strip, and turning it "off" at night and when you're not using it, you can save over \$200/year per workstation. That goes for other household items as well (toaster ovens, cell phone chargers, or your very own karaoke machine). Power strips are awesome!

ENJOY THE FREE SUNLIGHT 4

If you have windows in your office, open the blinds and let natural light in; Workstation task lights can also help to offset glare from windows and may replace the need for overhead light for most of the day. Plus it's free!

GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL ENERGY REBATE PROGRAMS

Whether you're thinking about upgrading the heating/cooling in your small office building, or wondering what to do with that old fridge in your garage, PNM has a rebate for you. You can even earn money by letting them make your appliances more efficient, without costing you a penny. Check out their easy-to-use website, pnmpowersaver.com, and shop for savings today. We'll see you there!

BUY PRODUCTS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT 6

Help to transform the market by buying products (copy paper, greeting cards, even trash bags) that are environmentally responsible. Look for paper and plastic products that have a high % of recycled content – the more the better. If you're not sure if the products you buy are recycled, just turn over the box and take a look. Most manufacturers are now proudly displaying the amount of recycled content in many of the goods we use every day. Buy Recycled!

7 IT'S EASY TO CLEAN GREEN

Protect yourself, your staff, your family, and your home by using non-toxic cleaning products. Since popular household cleaners often contain substances that are harmful to the environment and to human health, look for greener products. There's no need to pay a ton of money; they're on the shelf at your local grocery store. Many surfaces can be cleaned with common household items such as; baking soda, vinegar, and salt. It worked for Grandma!

BE A COFFEE HERO NOT A COFFEE ZERO ∞

As you might already know, one of the simplest ways to reduce waste is by eliminating it altogether. A perfect example is the reusable coffee mug or thermos. Keep it at your workstation or in your car, and use it when you make that afternoon latte run. If every Starbucks customer used a re-usable coffee cup we would save about 1,181,600 tons of wood, 2,040,061,237 pounds of carbon dioxide, and 4,441,093,624 gallons of water every year. So get yourself a stylish travel coffee cup today, and you'll really be a coffee hero!

9 EXPLORE ALTERNATE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION

Lots of people ride the bus everyday, but if that's not your thing, you might think about carpooling. It's a good opportunity to get to know your family or co-workers better. For example, see if you can be a one-car family on Tuesdays, or maybe your team can take the Railrunner to Santa Fe for a work meeting. Alternate transit can be fun and rewarding, and it will give you a chance to explore New Mexico in a whole new light. It's the easiest way to save on gas!

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START RECYCLING ♣

Make it easy on yourself at home and at work, by setting up clearly marked bins for recycling. Coordinate with other businesses in your neighborhood to create a common collection area. This is a great way to bring your community together and make a positive impact on the environment at the same time. If you are already recycling and you want to take it to the next level, start composting!

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A MORE SUSTAINABLE **NEW MEXICO**

We hope you can use some of these tips to green your life, along with making the planet a better place for everyone.

Please take a moment to look around our website at some of our “green” projects and check back often to see what we are up to!

DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO USE **YOUR** ^{‘PLANT ME’} **CARD**

Your card is made with handmade paper embedded with seeds that will grow almost anywhere. Moisten card thoroughly and plant just under the surface of some soil. The seeds should not be more than 1/8 in. deep. They must be kept moist for 4-6 weeks and receive 4 hours of sunlight each day in order to germinate. Many wildflowers are drought tolerant once established, but must receive adequate water as they sprout. As the plants grow right out of the paper, look for flowers like:

- Bird’s Eye
- Clarkia
- Black Eyed Susan
- Poppy
- Catchfly
- Snap Dragon
- And other wild flowers!

