

...What Can We Do?

Transportation Efficiency

- _____ Go to as many places as possible in one trip, rather than making separate trips.
- _____ Walk or bike when possible.
- _____ Use public transportation regularly.

Purchase Wisely

- _____ Choose products with the longest life possible.
- _____ Support “green/responsible” businesses.
- _____ Buy products with the least adverse impact (i.e., buy in bulk, locally produced products).

Green Landscape

- _____ Plant native trees/flowers around buildings, especially on the west/south side.
- _____ Group plants according to water needs.
- _____ Water lawns wisely before 10:00 a.m.

Become Involved...

- Join environmental organizations.
- Support legislation focusing on environmental conservation and preservation.
- Educate yourself and others about environmental stewardship.
- Urge that “green” issues be discussed as part of electoral campaigns.

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How much could you save?

Find out how simple choices can make a big impact at:

www.energystar.com

www.theregenerationproject.org



For more information visit or write:

www.CofChrist.org/earthsteward

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- More than 2 billion people face the daily challenge of finding clean water.
- More than half of the earth's original forest cover has been lost.
- Twenty percent of disease in developing countries is due to illness from environmental health risks

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

—Margaret Mead

Our Mission...

The Earth Stewardship Team, as a standing team of the Community of Christ, holds as its primary concern the identification and promotion of human accountability and responsible behavior toward the earth and its resources in individual, church, and community life.



The land is being desecrated by the thoughtless waste of vital resources. You must obey my commandments and be in the forefront of those who would mediate this needless destruction while there is yet day.

—Doctrine and Covenants 150:7

The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:4b

Resources...

Books/Movies:

For a list of resources including books and movies, please visit the church's web site at www.CofChrist.org/earthsteward/resources.



Web Sites:

www.ourplanet.com

"Our Planet" is the United Nations Environment Program flagship magazine for environmentally sustainable development.

environment.harvard.edu/religion

This multidisciplinary research is helping us to understand some of today's most complicated problems.

www.responsible shopper.org

This site provides instant access to research and statistics on more than 400 corporations—their practices, products, and policies on various environmental and social issues.

Other web sites to consider:

climatecounts.org

www.worldwatch.org/

www.earthtrends.wri.org/

Checklist...

Use this checklist for quick ideas on how you can better manage the earth's resources. For an expanded list, visit the church's web site:

www.CofChrist.org/earthsteward/resources

Energy

- _____ Conduct energy audits of buildings.
- _____ Install energy-efficient lighting.
- _____ Use a timer, motion sensor, or solar-powered lighting.
- _____ Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- _____ Turn off lights when you leave a room.

Water Conservation

- _____ Fix leaky faucets, showers, spigots, waterlines, etc.
- _____ Use water-efficient fixtures and appliances.
- _____ Use less water.

Garbage and Waste

- _____ Reduce use of disposable items (e.g., paper, plastic and Styrofoam plates/cups, plastic ware).
- _____ Choose packaging made from paper, glass, metal, and recyclable plastics.
- _____ Get a recycle bin and...Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!
- _____ Compost yard debris and kitchen scraps.