



### **Colby Keegan's Top Ten Ideas for Being Environmentally Friendly**

1. Before buying anything, ask if you already have something else that will serve the same purpose. A coffee mug could hold pens or paper clips, a bag from the grocery store can double as a trash bag, etc.
2. Before you throw something away, ask yourself if there isn't another use you could use the item for (see above). If not, can you give the item to someone who could use it? Or, donate it to a thrift shop.
3. Whenever possible, wash clothes in cold water and use the least possible amount of soap to get the job done (often that is about half of the manufacturer's recommended amount). If you can, use biodegradable soap.
4. Learn to hypermile. Hypermiling is a learned method of driving that uses the least amount of fuel. You will be surprised how much this can increase your gas mileage. Use bio-diesel fuels if you can and consolidate driving trips or carpool.
5. Turn off the lights and unplug appliances when you are not using them. You could cut your electric bill in half. If you have the opportunity to use wind or solar power, go for it!
6. Never litter. Always leave any outdoor space in better shape than you found it. We all have to share this Earth, so don't trash it for others.
7. Buy used whenever you can. Gently used clothes, furniture, cars, and other items save the Earth's resources. There are many generations ahead of us, let's save some natural resources for them.
8. Only use what you need. Be creative and cut back consumption of food, paper goods, fuel, clothing, office supplies, electronics, etc.
9. Recycle everything you can. Most cities and towns have some sort of recycling program. Make the most of it. A little effort goes a long way toward making our planet a better place.
10. Get others involved. Start an office recycling program. Educate your family, friends and co-workers about these ideas. Mail or email this page to others and encourage them to educate even more people.