

# Montevallo Presbyterian Church

**A Certified Green Congregation**



- **Glorifying God**
- **Growing as disciples**
- **Caring for people and creation**



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# How To Do An Environmental Audit

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# Audit Categories

- Waste Reduction
- Energy Conservation
- Water Conservation
- Reduction of Toxic Substances
- Environmental Education
- Worship, Liturgy, Prayer
- Socially Responsible Investing
- Use of Organic Products

# Waste Reduction

- Recycle aluminum cans
- Recycle office paper
- Recycle glass
- Recycle cardboard
- Recycle newspaper, magazines, etc.
- Recycle plastics
- Recycle electronics

# Waste Reduction

- Use both sides of paper for copying
- Use recycled content office paper
- Use recycled content toilet tissue
- Use recycled content napkins and paper towels
- Eliminate disposable cups, plates, silverware
- Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps

# Energy Conservation

- Monitor energy/water consumption regularly
- Regularly service heating/cooling equipment
- Install appropriate levels of insulation
- Install double glazing
- Install programmable thermostats
- Complete an energy audit

# Energy Conservation

- Set water heater temperature to 115 degrees
- Install water heater switch
- Use compact fluorescent lighting
- Procedures in place for turning off electricity to:
  - Lights in empty rooms
  - Computers
  - Fax machine and copier

# Establish a maintenance program

- Have a monthly schedule for buildings and grounds maintenance activities including HVAC filters, plumbing, lights, windows, roof, gutters, smoke alarms, trees, parking lot, signs, weather stripping, fire extinguishers, etc.

# Water Conservation

- Use of water saving toilets
- Use of aerators on faucets
- Properly maintain plumbing systems
- Choose drought tolerant plant species

# Reduction of Toxic Substances

- Use of phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps and cleaning agents
- Minimize use of colored paper
- Use unbleached coffee filters
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use fertilizers in accordance with soil test
- Use low VOC paints
- Use wax candles

# Environmental Education

- Inform congregation about Green Team progress
- Give lifestyle tips
- Implement environmental lecture series
- Establish links with the community and other congregations to share care for creation ministry

# Worship, Liturgy, Prayer

- Include environmental concerns regularly in worship, music, liturgy, prayer
- Include environmental issues/creation in teaching, preaching, programs
- Affirm commitment to Care for Creation

# Socially Responsible Investing

- Invest funds in socially responsible financial venues

# Use of Organic Products

- Fair trade, organic, shade grown coffee

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