



# Environmental Checklist for Congregations

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## Maintenance

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Refrigerator coils cleaned in last six months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Filters on heating/cooling system replaced at least annually.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Water leaks identified and repaired promptly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Sprinkler system turned off during rainy periods.

## Energy

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Electricity provided by a renewable (green) energy provider.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Incandescent lamps replaced by compact fluorescent lamps where feasible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Programmable thermostats installed and set to reduce to heating and cooling during unoccupied periods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Computers and monitors configured to energy saving mode.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Lights kept off in unoccupied areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Exit signs refitted with LED lamps.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Procedure in place to assure only EnergyStar office equipment and appliances are part of all new equipment purchases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Halogen torchiers replace by fluorescent torchiers.

## Recycling

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Reuseable plates and cups used where feasible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Appropriate recycling bins available in fellowship and office areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Office paper is made with a minimum 30 percent post consumer fiber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Hand towels are minimum 25 percent post-consumer fiber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Bathroom tissue is minimum 25 percent post-consumer fiber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Procedure in place for recycling inkjet and laserjet toner cartridges.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Lawn clippings either composted on-site or managed as green waste.

## Hazardous and Toxic Materials

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Procedure in place to maximize use of low-VOC paints.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Procedure in place to promptly and properly dispose of hazardous materials such as waste paints, used fluorescent lamps, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Procedures in place to limit use of pesticides to qualified applicators.

## Nurture, Outreach, and Witness

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Earth Day Worship Service on Church Calendar
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Youth group and other church groups encouraged participating in local cleanup days and other environmental events.