

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH WEST

<p>Earth Friendly Policy</p> <p>Proposal From UUCW Social Action Committee To Board of Trustees 7/23/2002 Revised 10/2/02 Revision to Existing Policy adopted in 1992</p>	Approved by P&P Committee Date
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<p style="text-align: center;">Statement of Purpose</p> <p><i>“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenant to affirm and promote: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”</i> (7th UU Principle)</p> <p>In accordance with our own UU principle, the UUCW church community strives to abide by the following practices. This policy, when adopted by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the congregation, will serve as one part of a Green Sanctuary Program. A strategy of sustainability will evolve as our understanding grows.</p>	<p>Attachments (none or list) None</p>

A comprehensive “Earth-Friendly” program includes the familiar “3 R’s”, REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE, along with EDUCATION.

REDUCE

A. Office, RE and committees

1. Use both sides of paper in copier.
2. Use reverse side of previously copied paper.
3. Use reducer on copier to fit more on page.
4. Expand the use of E-mail to communicate.
5. Use white recycled paper rather than colored paper whenever possible.
6. Committee Chair is not expected to bring extra copies of minutes, agendas and other documents to meeting for other members.

B. Kitchen

1. Use of washable cups, plates, silverware (plastic does fine in dishwasher) for coffee, church dinners is encouraged.
2. Use reusable tablecloths.

3. Use dishwasher energy saver cycle.

C. Building

1. Turn off lights when not in use.
2. Check the building if you are the last to leave to assure that lights are off.
3. Develop a long range building renewal strategy that reduces energy consumption.
Including:
 - Reduced heat loss,
 - Improved lighting efficiency,
 - Improved automatic lighting controls,
 - Periodic energy audits.

D. Transportation

Continue to promote carpooling.

REUSE

A. Purchasing Paper Products

(Office Paper, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue)

Recycled paper products, at the time of this document draft, cost more than conventional products produced from wood pulp rather from recycled paper. The church policy in practice appears to be limited to the least cost option.

The Earth Friendly policy is for the church to support:

- Educating the church community regarding the merits of paying a premium for recycled paper.
- Striving as a community to fund the premium costs for 100% post-consumer, non-chlorine bleached paper,

in order to modify the existing practice.

B. Office, RE and Committees

1. Use blank side of paper for memos, scrap pads. Have labeled or obvious boxes in all locations. Save reusable parts of Annual Reports and Canvass paperwork.
2. Reuse mailing envelopes, boxes and packaging. Use blank, unused mailing labels over previous address on envelopes.

C. RE

Kids can bring recycled art supplies from home.

RECYCLE

A. Kitchen

Recycle barrel holds glass, plastics, aluminum, tin.

B. Office mix.

This waste from offices, Sunday bulletins, etc. is accumulated in a blue box in the church office.

C. Lawn and yard waste

Grass is being naturally recycled and composted as it is mowed. Yard waste goes to the Brookfield City compost pile.

EDUCATE

A. **Adult Enrichment** Program is encouraged to:

1. Strive to offer sustainability education programs; as a target offering at least one program per year.
2. As it works to revive the Sunday Morning Forum Program, consider offering a forum on sustainability issues twice a year.

B. **Religious Education** is encouraged to introduce sustainability programs in to the curriculum at ages that would help young people explore deeper aspects of our seventh principle.

C. In our **advertising** and **communications** outreach to the community, include utilizing sustainability and the seventh principle as example UU expressions.

D. Continue to “Label” the recycle/reuse programs in the church,

1. Use recycle logos on all printed materials – logos will be by both copiers.
The logo, three connecting arrows, represents three phases of recycling;
Collection of raw materials, **Conversion** to new products and packaging, and
Consumer Recognition of the role recycling must play in society.
2. Clearly labeled recycle barrel in the kitchen.
3. Label products made from recycled materials.
4. Label scrap boxes for paper in all rooms.