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ENVIRONMENTAL PHONE APPS

🌿 **IRECYCLE** is an application from Earth911.com. Input what you want to recycle, and it tells you where to go and shows a map with directions. Free for both iPhone and Android.

🌿 **FINDGREEN** has 60,000 listings, find anything from yoga studios to organic restaurants in your area. Features the ability to submit new listings and rate existing ones. Free for iPhone.

🌿 **GREEN MILEAGE** tracks your vehicle's mileage with this simple application. Record each fill up and the application will calculate your miles per gallon. Free for Android.

🌿 **ANYSTOP** allows you to get real-time transit information in most cities. With GPS and Google maps integration, you can find the nearest stops. Free for Android.



GOING GREEN!

AS MUSLIMS, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE RESPECTFUL OF ALL CREATIONS OF GOD.

We know everything around us is sacred and has to be treated as such. Unfortunately, humans have been very destructive to the environment. From the deepest oceans to the highest mountains, the earth suffers from these irresponsible behaviors. This brochure is an answer to the question: "What can we do as individuals, families and communities to keep our planet clean and healthy?"

"Do not be extravagant, for Allah does not love the wasteful" [Quran, 96:141]. And He Says (what means):

"But waste not by excess, for Allah loves not the wasters." – Quran, 7:31



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MY MOSQUE GOES GREEN

"Do you not see that God has subjected to your (use) all things in the heavens and on earth. And has made His bounties flow to you in exceeding measure, (both) seen and unseen?" – Quran, 31:20

THREE Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

GOING GREEN is the name of the game as the best way to help the environment. This brochure suggests using the three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Reduce

- **USE A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE** instead of disposable ones to reduce the amount of plastic in landfills. Stores offer many brands and styles, from plastic (*Nalgene*) to aluminum (*Kleen Kanteen*).
- Reduce energy use with **COMPACT FLOURESCENT LAMPS**. CFLs are smaller versions of long tube fluorescent lights. According to energysavers.gov, CFLs are more efficient as they use less energy.

Reuse

- Instead of using plastic or paper bags **USE REUSABLE CLOTH BAGS**. Using one cloth bag will help reduce the number of plastic bags in landfills as they take many years to biodegrade.
- **SHOP AT THRIFT STORES OR GARAGE SALES** to find household items instead of buying new at a store. Check out craigslist.org and freecycle.org for furniture, jewelry, and many other items to buy or sell.
- **USE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES** for household electronics instead of throwing away single-use batteries.

Recycle

- Many communities offer **CURBSIDE RECYCLING** for newspapers, plastic, glass, and aluminum cans. Contact your local government resources to find out how to get your own recycling bin. Earth911.com allows you to look up recycling centers near your town.
- Instead of sending technology to the landfill use these **TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING** options:
 - Best Buy, bestbuy.com/recycling
 - Dell, Inc., dell.com/recycle
 - Apple, apple.com/recycling

OUR MOSQUE GOES GREEN

- **ASK YOUR IMAM** to discuss the importance of the environment and living green.
- **ASK YOUR MOSQUE** to provide recycling bins for the convenience of the community.
- **PLANT A TREE** and encourage other community members to plant a tree too.
- **BE ACTIVE** in your neighborhood to bring awareness about the environment and living green.
- **USE THE JUM'AH KHUTBA TO BRING AWARENESS** on the importance of the environment.

A mosque gone green.

Mosque Foundation states to champion the environmental causes including making the new Mosque building more energy efficient, by switching to renewable solar energy for heated water, using LED bulbs, improving insulation, encouraging the consumption of humanely raised Halal animals, organic vegetables, and more.

—Mosque Foundation, Bridgeview, IL

We can all learn from the Mosque Foundation's example. What can you do to make your mosque more green?

RAMADAN:

The best time to live green.

It is true! Ramadan is the best time to live green. After living green all day, it is easy to become careless after Iftar. Once we have broken our fast it can be difficult to limit our food intake. Here are some suggestions to help you continue being green:

- **PLEASE DO NOT OVEREAT**. Prepare only a few different foods instead of many to prevent waste.
- **USE REUSABLE DINNERWARE** for the Iftar feast instead of disposable paper or foam items.
- **PROMOTE RECYCLING** of plastic bottles and cans by providing recycling bins.
- At community Iftars, **spread the word** about green tips related to healthy eating.
- **CARPPOOL WITH FAMILY OR NEIGHBORS** to the community Iftars, Friday and taraweeh prayers, and other events.



Anas (Radi-Allahu-Anhu) narrates from the Prophet (Sallallaahu-Alaihi-wa-Sallam), "There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person, or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him."