

New Year's Resolutions for 2011

by ACP Green Committee Members



Why not add a few environmentally friendly resolutions to your list . . .

- Many of us carry reusable bags into the grocery store. Take reusable bags into department stores as well.
- If you have a stash of plastic bags you wish to recycle, bring them into the ACP Day Care Center for dirty diaper disposal.
- Take your name off junk/catalog mailing lists through online websites like CatalogChoice.org. Ask organizations to remove your name if you are no longer interested in the organization or product they advertise. Opt to receive newsletters and bills online.
- Use fewer paper towels at home. Use reusable cloth towels instead.
- Sign up for BGE's Peak Rewards program or another utility's energy-saving program. (BGE will install either a programmable thermostat or outside switch on your heat pump; when energy demand reaches a peak, BGE sends a signal, cycling your compressor to conserve energy. Customers are rewarded with an incentive credit.)
- Montgomery and Howard Counties offer free compost bins to their residents. Check your county's website to see what services and freebies are available.
- Join your local freecycling listserve.
- Pack your child's lunch in reusable containers, rather than using plastic sandwich bags/juice boxes or plastic bottles. Many schools now promote "waste free" days.
- Install dual-flush converters in your toilets. These devices have a low-water flush setting for liquids and paper.

