

Living Lightly

Our daily lives are busy and hectic. Sometimes it is easy to forget that the choices we make affect the planet we live on. Each of us has the power to make choices that will minimize our human impact on the earth and help to reduce the effects of global climate change. The puzzle below contains ideas for things that each of us can do to live lightly on the earth. Can you think of more?

Directions:

Solve the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

Across:

1. Take reusable tote _____ to the store to carry the items that you buy.
2. The process by which used materials are made into new products.
3. Plant a tree! Living plants take in _____ and exhale oxygen.
4. Conserve water by turning _____ the faucet while you brush your teeth.
5. _____ electronic devices when not in use so that they do not continue to draw power from the outlet.
6. By swapping incandescent light bulbs for _____ light bulbs, you can reduce the amount of energy you use to light a room.
7. To get better gas mileage, make sure your tires are properly _____.
8. When you ride your _____ you generate the power to make it move by pedaling.
9. Turn this up a few degrees in the summer and down a few degrees in the winter to save energy and reduce heating costs.
10. Buying food and other products that are produced _____ reduces energy consumption by limiting the need for transportation.

Down:

11. Type of gases in the atmosphere that trap heat.
12. When you share a ride with your friends, you'll enjoy their company and save gas. This way to travel is called _____.
13. Avoid buying items with additional _____ like plastic and paper wrappers that will end up in the trash.
14. Solar and wind-generated power are two examples of _____ energy.
15. Reduce, _____, recycle!
16. Fuel efficiency is measured in _____ per gallon.

