

Green Tips

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More environmentally friendly New Year's resolutions (now that some of our January ones may be fading a bit):

- Reduce consumption, reuse what you can and increase your recycling.
- Bring recyclable plastics with numbers greater than "No. 5" to Poulsbo or other locations that accept such material (and lobby Bainbridge to accept them if you live on the island).
- Bring Styrofoam forms and pellets to a parcel shipping office that can reuse the material (e.g., try Pack N Ship, etc. in Silverdale, but call in advance (360)-698-1131 to see if they are accepting such materials).
- See how you can cut non-renewable fuel use by 50% by using alternative personal transport (walk; bus; bike; electric, biodiesel, or hybrid vehicle).
- Look for environmentally friendly alternatives to some of the harmful cleaning products you commonly use. One resource for such alternatives can be found at www.ecomall.com/biz/cleaning.htm.
- Assess your impact on the environment by calculating your ecological footprint. It only takes a few minutes and you can learn how your lifestyle affects the earth. Try going to www.myfootprint.org/
- Insulate your home to reduce the need for heat during these cold times and to reduce cooling expenses during those long-forgotten hotter days.
- Start a compost pile or churn the one you already have to maintain its effectiveness.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and environmentally conscious 2007!