

GOING GREEN

in Washington County with WWISCAA

It seems that everywhere you turn, you hear “Go Green”. So, what exactly does that mean and why should you care?

Well, if you care to know, “Going Green” means taking steps or measures to become environmentally conscious in the decisions you make and using everyday methods to reduce the harm that “your” living does to the environment.

No, we don’t expect you to throw out everything you use or stop everything you do. We are asking you to make a small change, then another, then another. But we will help you. These things will help you save energy in your home. The more people involved, the bigger the impact we make.

Some examples of “Going Green” include:

- Turning off your lights when you are not using them
- Opening your curtains to let in daylight
- Purchasing “Energy Star” labeled appliances, ceiling fans and electronics that meet energy efficiency guidelines set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. Check the Energy Guide Label to see how much it costs to run the appliance
- Washing laundry in cold water
- Drying clothes outside in good weather
- Turning the water heater thermostat down to 120° F
- Washing only full loads in the dishwasher
- Installing low-flow faucet aerators
- Setting the air conditioner’s thermostat to 78°F or higher if you use ceiling fans
- Closing windows and shades during the day
- Keeping filters clean
- Deciding what you want from the refrigerator before you open the door
- Taking short showers
- Teaching your kids to turn off computers, TVs, stereos and video game consoles when not in use
- When using the heater, turn the thermostat down 5 degrees
- If you get cold, wear a sweater and don’t turn up the thermostat
- Never using the stove to heat your home
- Repairing cracks in windows, caulking and weatherstripping leaky frames

Now that you’re an expert, why not teach others?

WWISCAA wants to partner with dependable, trustworthy, faith-based organizations, sororities, fraternities and other non-profit groups interested in teaching energy conservation workshops to others in the community.

WWISCAA will teach selected groups how to conduct the workshops. Workshops will be held in Washington County cities to include: Greenville, Hollandale, Leland, Metcalfe, etc.

Groups will also help WWISCAA identify eligible potential clients who need help paying their gas, electric and/or water bills.

Groups will be compensated based on the number of workshops conducted, number of people impacted, number of eligible households referred for assistance.

Groups must be in operation, able to show proof of legitimacy such as 501(c) 3 status, etc. No agreements/contracts will be entered into with individuals or groups in existence less than 1 year. Groups can not be youth groups.

Interested parties should contact Adrienne McMiller, Administrative Assistant @ 662-378-5857 by Friday, June 10th to be placed on the interest list. A meeting will be held at a later date.