

UUC Environmental Policy

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Because the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater are committed to the principle of respect for the interdependent web of life of which we are all a part and believe we have a moral obligation to live our individual and congregational lives consistent with our principles we:

1. Avoid the use of single use items particularly Styrofoam, hard plastic and aluminum foil.
2. Use sustainably sourced products, if cost-effective, whenever paper products are required.
3. Use washable, non-disposable, dining and serving ware, unless we carry in & carry out personal table settings.
4. Provide vegetarian food choices at all UUC functions where food is served.
5. Recycle all items accepted by the City of Clearwater for recycling, whenever possible. All items that will decompose (such as paper, food, coffee grounds) can be used as compost for the garden.
6. Serve fair trade coffee at all UUC functions where coffee is served.
7. Use non-toxic chemicals for cleaning, whenever possible.
8. Conserve energy by setting the thermostats as directed on the cards posted at each one. Before leaving the area, we will turn off lights and appliances, as well as computers (unless labeled otherwise). The last person out after a service or event will close the interior doors.
9. Encourage the frugal use of water.

The Environmental Justice Committee has the responsibility to:

1. Monitor compliance with this policy.
2. Continue to educate the UUC community about environmental concerns.
3. Report on the specific actions taken regarding this policy and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees as needed.

