

Green Step Action List

Children & Youth

Personal environmental actions for children and youth.

Do one of the following during the program (Apr.-Oct., 2023) to earn your green leaf! Report your accomplishment to a Green Step Ambassador.

1. Landscaping

- 1.1. Plant trees or shrubs to shade sunny windows.

2. Social/Political

- 2.1. Meet with a local official to advocate for conservation.
- 2.2. Join a Texas Impact legislative action group. (all UMC conferences)
- 2.3. Organize a climate/ecology book club or discussion group.
- 2.4. Earn the Scouts BSA merit badge for Sustainability or similar award.

3. Education

- 3.1. Lead or support an environmental education effort. (UMYF, school, scouting, library, YMCA, Sunday School, club...)
- 3.2. Start a Little Free Library with environmental books, pamphlets, etc.
<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>
- 3.3. Learn three surprising environmental facts and share with others.

4. Water

- 4.1. If you currently leave the water running during your shower, switch to running only 1 minute at the beginning and 1 minute at the end.

5. Transportation

5.1. Use bicycling or walking instead of a car to a destination.

6. Food

6.1. Start a home compost system.

6.2. Start a home garden.

6.3. Switch to a low-meat or vegetarian diet.

6.4. Switch to refillable drink containers instead of bottled drinks.

6.5. Switch to reusable shopping bags.

6.6. Learn how to cook two meals.

7. Clothing

7.1. Switch to sustainably sourced clothing.

7.2. Visit a resale store. Purchase and wear apparel.

7.3. Avoid single-use clothing and fast fashion.

8. Donations

8.1. Make a significant donation to an environmental organization.