

### Summer ECO Tips:

Keep a pitcher of cold water in your refrigerator so you don't have to run the tap to get a cool drink.

If you let your grass grow a little longer (3"), and water it deeply (15 to 20 minutes at a time) once or twice a week if needed, you can save water and have a healthier lawn.

On ozone action days, postpone refueling your car or using gasoline-powered garden equipment until after 7PM. Limit your driving and avoid excessive idling and jack-rabbit starts.

Keeping the thermostat on your air conditioner set to 78° will save energy and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Plastic waste near lakes, rivers, and oceans is especially hazardous to wildlife. Cut open plastic 6-pack rings and dispose of them, old fishing lines and all other plastic trash in secure garbage containers on land.

When hiking or camping, stay on established trails and use established campsites. Carry out or burn your litter if no trash cans are available. "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

### August

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Keep your kitchen cooler and save energy by using your slow cooker, microwave or toaster oven instead of your stove to prepare summer dinners.

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