

Green Family Gets Greener



The Guy family had already taken steps to reduce their energy use over the years, but through the Cool Congregations program they found many other measures to try, cutting their emissions by 19% and saving \$500 over two years.

Guy Family Already Green

The Guy family has had a fairly long history of trying to care for creation. Soon after Eric and Susan were married they were already installing low-flow showerheads, keeping their heat lower while they were away during the day and overnight, recycling, changing their light bulbs to compact fluorescents. They had an energy audit from the utility company about 9 years ago, and as a result they purchased new energy-efficient windows for their home and increased the insulation.

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When Susan and Eric learned of the Cool Congregations program they thought it would be challenging to lower their footprint even further. But they did! This is how:

- Turned off lights when not in use, and used more daylight instead.
- Ran dishwasher when full and used air dry cycle instead of heat dry.
- Purchased new Energy Star washer and dryer.
- Used air conditioner less overall, while running HVAC fan to circulate air through house.
- Replaced 25-year old model with new high efficiency furnace and air conditioner.
- Washed clothes in cold water.
- Reduced garbage output by 38% by composting and avoiding packaging.

Susan and Eric are motivated in part by being the parents of two teenage sons. “We want to be sure that the world will still be sustainable for our children and grandchildren, and to show them by example that how we live as a family impacts our neighbors here and around the world. “



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