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Sirin Buse/Stock 100+ tips to help you live greener on Earth Day and year round 1 of 25 REDUCE Every 10 minutes shower, you may be using up to 25 gallons of water. If every GH reader used a WaterSense rated showerhead (epa.gov/watersense), 120 million gallons could be saved in one day – that’s 182 Olympic-sized pools! — and USD 88 million per year. Windows and doors can be the main causes of heat loss, with faulty windows adding 10 to 25 percent to the heating bill. Open the blinds during the day to let in the sun. At dusk, close them to catch the heat. CFL bulbs work best in rooms where they will be left for at least 15 minutes. Frequent switching on and off (e.g. in a closet or pantry) can shorten the life of a light bulb, so the cost of replacing it can out weight over energy savings. — Todd J. Kent, GHRI Senior Test EngineerConfigure your office printer or copy machine to print on both sides of the page. Pay your bills online or set up automatic check payments from your bank account. No envelopes, no postage — and no late payment if you’re using an automated plan. 2 with 25 REDUCE Driving 10 mph above 60 is like adding nearly 50 cents to the price of galongazu because a higher speed equals more guzzling. Choose concentrated or ultra cleaners that consume 50 to 60 percent less packaging than traditional formulas when cleaning just as thoroughly. March 1944: THEN - Grease from fingers or food is harmful to the rubber sealing of the refrigerator door. Wash with soap and water. Don't do overtime work by creating more ice cubes than you need. NOW — Nowadays, there's a good chance that your icemaker will turn off automatically. And more important than cleaning the gasket: vacuuming the coils under or on the back of the refrigerator (accumulated dust can cause the engine to overheat and more cost to run). Unplug the device and use a vacuum slotted cap or a flat brush with a long handle to carefully remove dust. Planting trees around the house strategically (on the south and west side; shading the air conditioner if possible) to save up to about \$250 a year on cooling and heating. Switch to the front load washer from the top loader. In a recent GHRI test of front loaders, they used less than half of the water traditionally used by the top loader for full load. You probably know that compact fluorescent bulbs are more energy efficient - in fact, those that are in an energy state consume about 75 percent less electricity and last up to 10 times longer than traditional light bulbs. Now they are in a covered style, so they do not look strange in some handles and can hold a lampshade. 3 with 25 REDUCE Install a programmable thermostat that can save about \$150 a year if for cooling the air in your home or heat pump (for example, before you get home from work) upgrade two toilets made before 1992 to low these flows, and reduce the cost of water to nearly \$200 a year in two bathrooms, a four-person homeMythbuster! MIT - The larger the window air conditioner, the better Room. REALITY - Air conditioners work best — and save energy — when they're running at a steady pace. Oversize AC tends to cycle on and off frequently because it cools the direct area around the device very quickly and then stops because the internal thermostat thinks it will do so; when the temp creeps up, it goes again. An entity that is the right size is less likely to be exceeded. Washing your car for 10 minutes with an unlimited hose can consume 80 gallons of water, while a typical car wash consumes half that - or even less if the store recycles water. Ask. — Carolyn Forte, GHRI Household Appliances & Cleaning products directorGreener holidays: When cooking for guests, discard the thermostat by a few degrees to save on energy costs – with the oven going, everyone will still feel warm and cozy. True or false: The only way to save computer power during your lunch break is to shut it down. False. Leaving it in sleep mode consumes very little electricity - without waiting for a restart when you return. 4 out of 25 REDUCE True or False: Heat is the largest energy ieprzem in your home. True. Heat typically accounts for 31 percent of the cost, and AC consumes 12 percent. Contact your local utility to inquire about a free energy audit that will locate your drafts. Do not flush cash Toilets are the main source of water consumption in the rooms of the house. Under the 1992 Act, they were authorized to max 1.6 gallons per color. Older people can use 3.5 to 7.0 GPF - real wastewater! Early low-flow toilets were often not efficient; some required two or more flushes, beating the target. Hang curtains to block drafts from which the window touches the frame. Spritz spray on a cloth, not surfaces. You will use less. Running a full dishwasher uses half the water and energy — or less — to wash the same dishes by hand. Another water saving: Do not rise before loading. — Carolyn Forte, Director of White Goods & Cleaning ProductsTrue or false: Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) are the most energy-efficient option. False. LEDs are. Now available as direct replacement bulbs, they can consume about half the energy that the kidneys do, and last about four times longer - in some cases 25 years! 5 with 25 REDUCE Game off Yep. get the kids to turn off video games (both the TV and the console) after they're done playing, and you'll win back about \$100 per year. Pump once a month, check the pressure of each tyre according to the guidelines listed in the owner's manual of the car; add air if necessary. In this way, you can improve the mileage by about 3 percent. Stop brown-bagging it (literally) and wasting paper while packing lunch. L.L.Bean Flip-Top Lunch Box (plus a few ice packs) keeps the contents cool. Pocket up to 25 cents for each wash in cold water (compared to hot). Cold-wash three loads a week, and save up to \$40 a year!Sauch, halls and garages get a lot through traffic, and people often forget to turn off the lights when they've passed. Install motion sensors that rotate rotate when the movement is no longer detected. Internal sensors range from \$15 (with fixed sensor in wall switch) to \$45 (set with separate sensor to put where you want). Outdoors these can cost \$16 (for basic headlights) up to \$100 (for more decorative or powerful models). Outdoor fixtures that are solar powered - used for driveways and patios - charge a fee during the day and do not draw electricity from the house (from 60 to 100 USD). 6 with 25 REDUCE Lower the radiator temperature by 2 degrees to potentially lower the bill by \$40 per year. In the warm months set act to 78 degrees (at 73 degrees, you will pay 40 percent more). Not on a budget to replace toilets? Try brondell perfect flush (\$79), which will turn your toilet into a double flush - saving about half the water and \$100 a year for the toilet. Leave the leaf blower Using a gas-powered leaf blower for an hour can emit the same amount of carbon monoxide as driving a 224-mile car, and can eject 11 times the exhaust particles. (Electric blowers are less polluting.) If every GH reader raked instead, 6.3 million pounds of carbon monoxide emissions could be avoided - plus, you'd burn 300 calories. You've probably got your exterior door, but don't forget about the interiors that lead to uninsulating areas like a garage or attic. My quick, cheap fix: Sill blocker, made of two foam rolls connected by a piece of fabric. Push it under the door to keep the cold air and heat from escaping. And it only costs about \$10 at a pharmacy or online. — Stacy Genovese, Technical Director of GHRIThis is a no-brainer: The lower the lights, the less electricity. In case you're using regular light bulbs (many nerves are not compatible with dimmer switches unless the package says so), setting the dimmer to 75 percent efficiency saves about 20 percent of energy - and can quadruple the life span of the bulb. 7 out of 25 REDUCE Be sprinklers understandable Every half hour your snake runs, a staggering 240 to 300 gallons of water – enough for almost two weeks' worth of showers – flows to the ground. For responsible lawn and garden watering, GHRI suggests using a water clock on the outside of the suppositund: Basic egg clock styles (about \$15) just turn off the hose after a certain amount of time, so the water isn't wasted if you forget to turn it off. More expensive digital (\$35 or more) can be programmed to start and stop on schedule. Check the demolition weather around the outside door. Old, cracked, or disappeared? Replace it to reduce heat loss. On an electric stove, use a frying pan that fits the size of the burner. Placing a six-month frying pan on an eight-cent burner wastes 40 percent of energy as heat dissipates in the air. — Sharon Franke, GHRI kitchen appliances technology directorTruly turn off electronics Electronics and APPLIANCES can use juice even if off. Known as phantom power, losses account for 8% of the annual electricity bill. Fix: Connect gadgets to smart surge protectors (such as Belkin Belkin Smart AV, \$30). If you turn them off when you leave the house or before bedtime, you will end up leaking energy, pronto. Since 1992, all new shower heads must have a flow rate of 2.5 gallons per minute or less. Replace the old shower and save up to \$45 per month for a family of four. 8 out of 25 REDUCE Fix dripping drop batteries per second wastes 192 gallons per month! First, try to tighten all the pluses for a quarter to half a turn. No luck? Gaskets or o-rings can be worn out. To check, the battery will need to be dismantled, so for best results, consult a plumber. Replacing a pre-1990 refrigerator with a new Energy Star saves enough energy to illuminate the average home for nearly four months. — Sharon Franke, GHRI kitchen appliances & technology directorAir out Replaces regularly. The new oxygen sensor alone can improve mileage by up to 15 percent. Do not use more product than indicated. Pouring additional laundry detergents or fabric softener will not get clothes cleaner or cuddly. Instead, follow the markings on the label. 9 of 25 REDUCE Check for toilet leaks Open the tank and drop enough food coloring to keep the water stained. If the color slowly appears in the bowl, there is a leak. Rinse the dye, then replace the worn parts or get the pro to do the dirty work for you. Improve the seal of the interior door (like the one in the garage) by attaching a sweep. Sold in hardware stores, these flexible plastic straps are easily screwed to the bottom of the door and keep the cold air from below. Greener holidays Place light decorations outside on the clocks so as not to accidentally stop for the whole night. Make sure that the seals on the entrance door to the attic and basement are not old or cracked. April 1970: THEN — Daily cooking produces fat, smoke and odors that can cause irritation to the eyes and nose. To remove contaminants for cooking, there is a ceiling or exhaust fan and two types of hoods - ventilated and ventilated. NOW — Still good advice, with one caveat: Choose a hood that ventilates outside if you can. Wrap the cat around the water heater and reduce its operating cost by up to 9 percent. 10 of 25 REDUCE Add Aeration Devices Most kitchen and bathroom batteries can be equipped with an aeration (from \$5 to \$10 in hardware stores) that screws into the ventilated hole and mixes air into the water jet, while providing adequate and constant pressure. Use internal and external sealing to fill gaps around the window frames. If cold air flows around the window, it affects the heating, install the appropriate weather. DIY energy audit Preventing drafts around windows, doors and other openings in the house (fireplaces, manholes even electrical sockets) can reduce the heating bill by 5 to 30 percent. Identify the problem yourself (and avoid hiring a costly professional energy auditor) with a thermal leak detector. This special thermometer takes infrared temperature readings: infrared (like a wall), pull the trigger to read, and then do the same along the frame of the window or other hole. Find a big drop in temperature, and that's where you focus patching and insulation efforts. Do not tap the Teach children to turn off water while brushing their teeth. Leaving the tap during the recommended two minutes of brushing can waste up to five gallons of water per day. True or false: Using a coffee machine every day can cost \$35 per year. True. Leaving warmer per hour a day adds up. GHRI Kitchen Appliances Director Sharon Franke turns it off to prevent the burnt taste and microwave coffee from heating it up - saving energy to start up. 11 out of 25 REDUCE Water Yard wisely make sure the sprinklers are placed, so you're also not watering the sidewalk. It's best to water early in the morning to minimize evaporation and allow plants to absorb moisture before heading up the dayGet off your junk list Sign up with the Direct Marketing Association DMAChoice Mail Preference Service (dmachoice.org), and you'll see a significant reduction in mail after three months. June 1979: THEN - Combine your separate errands - bank, grocery store, pharmacy, cleaner, etc. in one trip and cararpools with others to get to and from. NOW — That's true today — whether it's reducing fuel costs or reducing the carbon footprint. Bring home superhero plants. Some easy-to-care greens (English ivy, moms and room lilies) naturally help remove indoor air pollution such as formaldehyde and benzene. Until a utility company installs smart meters, consider a home energy monitor (starting at \$100) that shows real-time electricity consumption and cost in a similar way. With relatively small changes in habits, you can save up to 20 percent. 12 out of 25 REDUCE Give up meat? No, not for good. But every time you replace a vegetable meat meal, you save at least 2.5 pounds of greenhouse gases. Get tasty meatless dishes!\$14 - What can you save per year if you swap one regular light bulb for a CFL. (Count how much you have!) Look for the WaterSense logo on toilets and taps (and eventually showers), which means the product meets the EPA water-saving criteria. If AC channels are not used by the heating system, even when the air is off, drafts from dormant channels can make your home cooler. Magnetic register covers are a good solution. Smoke out cold air leaks using a stick of incense. With the stick smoldering, move it towards the edge of the windows and doors. If there is a design, the smoke will be blown horizontally (without drafts, and the smoke will rise as usual). Fix with a boiler, apply inside and outside. 13 with 25 REUSE Mug around Bring your own travel mug to common java. Most sites will fill it for you and often at a discount. When you're at it, start carrying a bottle of refillable water. Double duty: Paper roll towel You have a knife that doesn't fit in the butcher's block? Flatten an empty roll of paper towel and cover the blade for safety if you tish it in a drawer. Reach for one reusable The cloth can replace 60 rolls of paper towels before it needs to be replaced — and is soft enough to use on almost all surfaces (even glasses). Keep some useful for absorbing leaks, wiping counters, reflecting mirrors and more. Before you press the print button for this Evite page or web driving directions, consider the options: Can I print on the back of the paper I've used once? Make a note only of the address if you are going to a known area? Or maybe use the note feature on your mobile phone? If you prefer not to print two-sided, back-cut, once used sheets of printers create the perfect paper for notes over the phone. BYOB - Bags, that is. It's also good for your wallet. Some retailers, such as CVS, now pay for every one-time bag you don't take (\$1 for a special CVS card for every four trips you've been on). 14 of 25 REUSE Many cleaners are available in large decanting jugs for smaller spray bottles. You should also look for concentrated cleaning cartridges for which you can reuse the old spray bottle and simply add water, and ultra-strength detergents that save packaging because you get more laundry loads from the container. Dry-clean greener May already bring reusable bags to your grocery store, but here's a way to waste less on dry cleaners, too: Clothesnik bag (\$30 plus shipping, reuseniks.com) allows tote clothes to cleaners – and you never have to deal with ugly plastic coats again. Double duty: Magazines Roll up a few of them and hold one in each of the calf- or knee-high boots so your shoes will retain their shape. Double duty: Small glass jars for food These make it ideal transparent vessels for storing nails, screws, nuts and screws. Double duty: Stash's old shower curtain one in the trunk of the car to line it up while go-karting potentially messy paint or picnic and beach equipment. For foods that are in hard-to-recycle baths (yogurt, cottage cheese, cream, margarine), get the largest container size and bottom for smaller reusable ones if needed. Then use a bathtub to freeze the leftovers (just don't microwave in them, as most are not designed to handle heat and can melt). Other Uses: stashing desktop courses and ends, like planters for growing herbs, or storing crayes for kids. 15 of 25 REDUCE Buy refillable containers. Spray bottles, for example, can be filled with larger jugs or concentrate. Over time, you will buy and dispose of fewer containers. Double duty: Spread the coffee grounds on flower beds of acid-hungry plants such as azala or rhododendren. Green your next move with multiple use plastic annuity crates (rentacrate.com), which means no more dozens of cartons to tape and try to get rid of later. Double duty: Plastic gallon milk pitcher cut off the top with utility knife just above the handle and use as a scoop for kitten litter, birdseed, etc. Double duty: Foam peanuts Place some in the bases of potted plants to help drainage. Double duty: Pill bottles once drugs disappeared, this tube-shaped container is ideal for storing quarters in the car for road repairs (the children's cap prevents the coin from avalanche - but it's best not to open it until you're stopped). 16 of 25 REUSE Double duty: Parmesan cheese shaker Clean it and then fill with your preferred granular plant fertilizer to easily feed your garden. Invest in a \$30 tap-mounted water filter for \$30 and use refillable bottles like our top-rated GHRI pick, a 24-ounce Nalgene OTG Everyday bottle. By giving up bottled water, a family of four can save about \$1,250 a year. Double duty: Wrapping paper Cover the cardboard with acid-free tissue paper and roll up clean bedding around it to prevent the fabric from creasing during storage. It's tempting, but don't put an old fridge in your garage to save extra storage space. At colder temperatures, the refrigerator may not work at all, while at higher, it will be very inefficient. — Sharon Franke, GHRI kitchen appliances & technology director Double duty: Chocolate box insert When tasty treats are just a sweet Valentine's day memory, use the rinsed tray to hold pins and paper clips in your desk drawer. 17 out of 25 RECYCLE Drink responsibly If you've recycled your wine bottles, recycling corks should be the next step. Their natural material can be made into floors, insulation, shoe soles, furniture and more. Take yours to Whole Foods or find another recycler in recork.org/locations. You can recycle a lot more than plastic shopping bags in containers provided in grocery stores, drugs and big-boxes. Most take clean film made of #2 or #4 plastic, including chemical cleaning, newspaper bread and bags, and wraps from large snacks and water bottles, and from toilet paper, napkins and paper towels. What can not enter: salad bags, food film and bags with frozen food. For more information, see plasticbagrecycling.org. What not to do with your old computer? A. Return it to manufacturer B. Place it at the curb to collect garbage C. Find a recycler in your area Answer: B. Computers can each heavy metals if they end up in landfills. Some manufacturers offer a discount on trading when buying a new model. To find a responsible recycler, visit e-stewards.org. If this is the latest model, your local charity may be happy to take it. Recycled paper Most programs take it all, from cardboard to news printing, office paper to envelopes (even with that little plastic window) and junk e-mail to magazines – no matter how shiny. Don't worry about removing staples, paper clips, or spirals in notebooks; filtered out. But... skip everything that is stained with food, as well as because the oils can clean the entire load. Ditto on plastic-coated paper plates and cups (although flattened milk cartons are generally OK). Also out: brightly colored, stained paper that is too hard to whitewash back into usable form, and books (some programs accept soft, but it is better to donate to your local library, school or book book Outwear labelled as recycled polyester is made from old soda bottles or after industrial fibres. Look for 85 percent — Kathleen Huddy, GHRI textiles, paper & plastic director 18 of 25 RECYCLE Recycling old clothing Don't just throw in worn clothes like ragged t-shirts or jeans. Donate them to the ASPCA, which can use them for pet bedding. Give even wearables to the goodwill company – clothing that doesn't sell in its stores is sold to cloth traders or fabric recyclers. Metal recycling All this belongs to the container: soda, juice and soup cans (rinsed, but de-labeled only on request); washed aluminum cans and foils; and caps, wire coat hangers, empty (unbeatable) aerosol cans and other scrap. Some recycling centers do not require separation of goods, as long as all the items in the container are recyclable (their plants can mechanically sort them for you, using fans, magnets and machines - very cool). Call your center to find out if you can become a family member in one container. Worried about mercury in the background? True, they need special recycling and careful cleaning if they break (see epa.gov). But power plants create up to 4 times the mercury to the incandescent lights that they do for the CFL. Recycling mobile phones They are in hot demand for their raw materials or for overhaul. Your options: pick-up programs by the manufacturer or service provider, containers for sale in the stores that sell them, or charitable donations (try the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, ncadv.org). 19 out of 25 RECYCLE According to the EPA, the energy saved from recycling with only one aluminum drink can be enough to power a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours or a TV for two hours - Sharon Franke, GHRI kitchen appliances & technology director Recycling plastic The basic rule of thumb: If it's a bottle whose neck whose neck is smaller than the body (beverages, cleaning products, shampoo, and some food jars) and has a 1 or 2 symbol on the bottom, almost every program will accept it. But... First remove the caps - they are made of a different kind of plastic and can spoil the whole batch. (Some good news: Aveda has a nationwide program in store to recycle them; see aveda.com/caps.) Items such as yogurt, margarine, delicatessen baths and plastic utility (usually number 5 plastic) are often discarded. Instead, they should be re-washed and reused. If your recycling center is a serious haul, replace the stock of what your family produces for the most part, and look for a closer solution. For example, schools can collect newspapers, paper, or cardboard, and charities have bottle drives. The database Earth911.com provides local options. Switch your portable power It is difficult to find a program that recycles disposable batteries while they can and should be recycled - and never sent to landfill because they contain cadmium. Plus, you'll buy less because you can easily charge a type of multipleuse multiple times before they die. In the case of furniture Do not make the city drop its first stop. One person person there's someone else's treasure – so if you want to ditch an old item, first try freecycle.org, Craigslist, or a thrifty shop that doesn't have pickups. 20 of 25 RECYCLE Make sure you only use the containers or transparent plastic bags specified in the recycling program, regardless of whether the parking lot is recyclable or transports them to the recycling station. Busy workers often throw out unidentified bags or boxes instead of opening them to see what's inside. Recycling glass bottles and jars are good to go after they rinse and discard (or recycle) their caps: labels will burn in the plant. But... some programs will not have certain colors of glass (especially blue, because there is not much demand for it). I treated the glass, like broken plates, regular bulb bulbs and windows or windshield, must go to the usual garbage. What about electronics? Gadgets should not end up in landfills, as they can exceed lead and mercury into soil and groundwater. Look for local collection disks or ask for these responsible riddance options. (See epa.gov/recycling for more information.) Permanently place the recycling box at your fingertips from the mail container so you can pick out any remaining junk email pronto. While reusable shopping bags are the best, plastic bags are recyclable. Most large grocery and retail stores now have trash cans. Plastic is made in fences, decks and information bags. — Kathleen Huddy, GHRI Textiles, Paper & Plastics Director 21 of 25 RECYCLE Many private recycling plants will pay the market rate for metal or glass castoffs. Let your fingers go through the yellow pages or get a list of nearby plants earth911.com. Recycling TVs With the passage of digital TV, you may want to abandon this old set of rabbits. The problem is that cathode lamps do not have a high recycling value. Several manufacturers (Sony, Samsung, LG) will take them back. Best Buy will pull back the old set if you buy it there; Office Depot accepts small bundles for \$15. How do I recycle other electronic devices? Computers, MP3 players, cameras, and more can be exchanged online for cash (myboneyard.com, venju.com) or store credits radioshack.com/tradein. If not, these networks and other recycling, though, can charge a small fee (\$5 to \$15). One tree is saved for every 42 notebooks made from 100 percent recycled paper. Recycling worn notebooks; check your local regulations – you may not need to remove the binding from recycling first. — Kathleen Huddy, GHRI textiles, paper & plastic director CFL bulbs Unlike old light bulbs, these can't be trashed because they contain a small amount of mercury. Home Depot, Office Depot and IKEA accept old (though not broken) bulbs. 22 of the 25 RECYCLE You have in most paint can? Check your metal recycling rules - many programs will take them even with a small amount of dried paint inside. If you have a few gallons remaining, give them to a charity such as Habitat for Humanity, or see if your city has an upcoming paint recycling drive (find out earth911.com). What is it right to deal with dead household batteries? A. Recycle them in metal recycling B. Take them to the recycling center C. Throwing them in the garbage Answer: B and C. Batteries are recyclable (a great reason to use them if you haven't already); earth911.com see if there are any local options. Unfortunately, there are not many places that recycle disposable alkaline batteries because their raw materials are not worth the effort. You may need to throw it in the trash. If your program doesn't take cartons of milk or juices (and your taste buds won't mind), try to switch to brands that use plastic jugs that are much more recyclable. Do you live in one of the 11 states with bottle bills? Let your children collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles to exchange for cash to spend on a treat. Get cash for junk! Discount programs are a great way to make some money on used electronics – and recycle them responsibly. Many retailers give store credit for mobile phones, computers, cameras, and more (even bought elsewhere), including RadioShack (radioshack.cexchange.com) and Best Buy (bestbuytradein.com). Or opt for cash back in places like www.myboneyard.com or gazelle.com. 23 of 25 GOING GREEN Although there are no specific criteria that qualify the product as green, most that make the claim are biodegradable, phosphate and chlorine free, and derive their ingredients from plants such as coconut or palm trees (renewable sources) rather than petrochemicals such as oil or natural gas (which are not renewable). But even if the product seems green, read the label - and keep it away from children and pets. Eco-trend: Low VOC Some paints now claim low or no VOC – polluting gases emitted as paint dries up. Since the definitions of low companies differ, ask the paint seller for the number of grams per liter. Good guide: As of July 2008, Southern California will not allow the use of flat or unforgiving inks weighing more than 50 g/l. How \$1 can save the rainforest Donate a buck to Avon's new initiative, Hello Green Tomorrow, and the tree will be planted in one of the world's most endangered places: the South American Atlantic Rainforest, where only 7 percent of the original forest remains. Restoring it can remove 10 million tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. For a donation or for details, contact an Avon representative or visit goodhousekeeping.com/ht. If buying only organic is a burden on your finances, choose organic versions of products that are known to have the highest levels of pesticides: peaches, apples and peppers. 24 of 25 GOING GREEN April 1903: THEN - All women should personal knowledge of the sources of household materials. You do not have to go to the butcher's shop and the grocery store every day, but familiarity with the butchers themselves is a necessity of a good life. NOW – Simply plug in your zip eatwellguide.org in your car to find nearby suppliers of organic and sustainable food. Claims of green and green dry cleaning are currently unregulated and often incorrectly. With our analysis, Liquid CO2 provides the best combination of environmental safety and good cleaning results. An experienced wet cleaner is also valuable (and perhaps easier to find). Green solution: Keep the deer away! Do they feast in the garden? Plant-based fix: GHRI tested Messina Wildlife's Deer Stopper spray (\$13, messinawildlife.com for stores). Its rosemary and mint oils - unattractive to Bambi, but not unpleasant to humans - give 30 days off from deer. Kathleen Huddy, our garden expert, swears by this. Spread the compost around the plants in the garden from one to two centimeters deep. Mix it into the top layer, well water, and top with a layer of litter. 25 of the 25 GREEN GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL Household appliances that really clean when it comes to green cleaning are not just cleaners that can do the job. Bissell's Little Green (\$100, bissell.com), carpet-spot-removal device, and all 15 Miele's S5 and S6 series vacuum canisters (\$400 to \$1,200, mieleusa.com) recently passed our tough criteria to earn a Green Good Housekeeping Seal. The Little Green machine is made of at least 50% recycled plastic and the packaging is impressively small. The Miele Earth and Terrane automatically adapt suination to the type of floor without wasting electricity. Both companies also save resources in their production and distribution methods. Like all seal holders, these products are covered by our two-year limited warranty. Fact: About 90 percent of the energy consumed by the washer goes to water heating. To go cold and still get your clothes clean, consider green good housekeeping seal holder Tide Coldwater, which is formulated to clean perfectly without heat. In addition, its bottle is recyclable, and its manufacturer has worked to reduce water and waste consumption in its production and hire a more efficient distribution – all of which makes this Tide GSHS-worthy. Worried about chemicals in skin care? We are too. That's why we've taken care of ingredient safety as a priority when setting criteria for cosmetic products to get the Green Seal for Cleaning. Avenoe Soothing bath Treatment has made the cut - its only ingredient is entirely natural oatmeal, and Avenoe's production processes are energy efficient. Want to learn more about Green Good Housekeeping Seal? Visit goodhousekeeping.com/gghs. goodhousekeeping.com/ggths.

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