

The Green Life: Going Eco-Friendly with Your Plumbing

When most people think of reducing their carbon footprint, they think about recycling, driving less, and turning the lights out when they leave a room. But did you realize that your carbon footprint can be greatly reduced with good plumbing practices? Here is a list of the top ways to become more eco-friendly in regards to your plumbing:

1. Purchase low-flow showerheads. The average family uses around 400 gallons of water per day. A low flow showerhead will not only cut down on the amount of water your family uses, but it will also reduce the electricity needed to heat the water.
2. Purchase energy efficient appliances. An energy efficient water heater can save a tremendous amount of both energy and money for your family. If you don't want to replace your water heater, consider insulating it to conserve. You can purchase a water heater insulator at your local home improvement store for around \$20.
3. Run your dishwasher less. Make sure that you have a full load before you run your dishwasher. This will reduce the number of cycles you run per year reducing water and energy usage.
4. Wash your clothes in cold water when possible. Around 80% of the energy used to wash your clothes is used when heating the water.
5. Purchase an eco-friendly toilet. There are many toilets available that reduce water usage. Eco-friendly toilets include pressurized toilets, tankless toilets, and water conserving toilets. Price in these toilets can range from \$175 to as much as \$5,000 depending on what you prefer.

There are many other ways to reduce your carbon footprint in your home. Don't forget that simple practices, such as turning off the water while brushing your teeth, make a tremendous difference when added up over the course of a lifetime. Let's all be responsible for our own carbon footprint and make choices that help preserve our environment! Baylor Plumbing Company can assist you with selection and installation of eco-friendly products. Don't hesitate to call or email us for all of your plumbing needs!

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