

Conservation Tidbits

Energy – “Vigorous conservation is a must” WACONIAH August 2006

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We are all aware of the gasoline price going up. We are facing a tremendous energy resource crisis which will not go away. Vigorous conservation is a must. The car is the largest single consuming device in the typical household. The importance of reducing wasteful use of gas cannot be over-emphasized. We must improve vehicle efficiency, and eliminate miles driven. Both can have enormous effects. Good driving habits are one of the most important elements.

1. Slow Down
2. Drive Smoothly
3. Don't Pump the Pedal
4. Don't race the Engine
5. Shift into higher gears as soon as possible.
6. Don't idle Long
7. Don't brake excessively
8. Don't Rev the Engine
9. Don't warm up the Engine Excessively
10. Use the Air-Conditioner Economically.
11. Lighten the Load

Coffee Filters ..who knew! WACONIAH 2009

You can buy a package of 1,000 coffee filters at dollar stores for almost nothing.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China. Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few on a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. Soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers." Oh, they are great to use in your coffee makers, too!