

Green Travel Tips

- Park Lightly: more luggage means more fuel burned
- Choose an electronic ticket, when available: save a tree and a few dollars
- Email a copy of your itinerary to family members, house-sitters, etc. instead of leaving printed copy
- Request the hotel to reuse linens and towels during your stay
- Opt for more fuel efficient plane: newer planes are designed with this goal in mind
- Fly direct: if the cost is the same might as well save time and fuel
- Eat and drink local food and beverages: it saves in fuel and energy to move the items and makes the trip more memorable
- Rent fuel efficient cars with high gas mileage and support "green" car rental companies
- Reuse hotel soap and other sundries: do not discard half used bottles
- Use public transportation to and from airports when available
- When traveling for business, share a rental car with a fellow employee going to the same location
- Turn the lights off when you leave your hotel room. You wouldn't leave them on if you were at home
- If the hotel doesn't offer in-room recycling, suggest it! Many hotels want to provide changes based on traveler feedback. By hearing the public it will encourage them to offer the service.
- If the water in your location is safe, consider using tap water rather than bottled water at the hotel
- Examine the lights. Many hotels still use incandescent lights which require significant more energy than newer CFL or LED lights. If your hotel is using incandescent lights, please leave a message for the hotel.
- More and more hotels are LEED certified (the standard in sustainable building design).
- Learn to use the thermostat in your room and be cognizant when using the air conditioning.
- If you bring a newspaper with you on your flight, consider recycling it in the airport. Most airports have recycling stations at the boarding gates.