



Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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PSC Promotes Earth Day Awareness

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia reminds all the state's citizens that Tuesday, April 22 is Earth Day, a time to focus on preserving the Earth's resources for our use and for future generations. This is the perfect time to set a pattern for taking care of the earth all year long. The actions you take to save energy and water can also help lower your monthly utility bills.

One of the best ways to conserve natural resources and save money is by using less electricity, gas and water in your home. It doesn't require a huge commitment to get started.

Conservation can be as easy as following these simple steps:

- Don't let the water run in the sink while you shave or brush your teeth
- Take shorter showers
- Repair all leaks promptly
- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.
- Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only, not the street or sidewalk
- Run the dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, etc. during off-peak hours
- Lower the thermostat setting on your water heater to 120⁰F
- Unplug appliances and chargers that consume energy when they are not in use
- Use power strips for multiple appliances to regulate the flow of electricity
- When it's time to replace old appliances, replace them with new energy efficient models

Celebrate Earth Day this year by starting with these no hassle, money-saving tips and make life better – for you, for our children and for our planet. Find more information at the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us under the heading "Conservation".

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