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Celebrate Earth Day and Lower Your Utility Bills

April 22 is Earth Day and the Public Service Commission is encouraging all West Virginians to preserve the Earth's resources for our use and future generations. Some of the best and easiest ways to conserve natural resources can also help lower your monthly utility bills.

- Repair water leaks promptly
- Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool
- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing them off
- When using a hose, control the flow by using an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes or use the appropriate load size or water level
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water level to 120 degrees F
- Clean or replace furnace filters monthly
- Lower your thermostat at night or install a programmable thermostat
- Unplug appliances and chargers that consume electricity when not in use
- When replacing old appliances, invest in new energy efficient models

Celebrate Earth Day every day by using these easy, money saving tips. Find more information at the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us under the heading "Conservation". Teachers can find a variety of lesson plans on the PSC website by going to the "Kid's Corner" page.