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I doubt that we are going to solve the global warming issue in this forum. Does that mean we as humans should all blindly continue a pattern of waste? Let's talk about what hits you in the pocketbook. Let's talk about what some of you creative, intelligent people are doing to save money and cut waste. Seemingly stupid shit. For example in our house:

- * In infrequently used/'non reading' areas of our home we replaced the bulbs with CF bulbs. We also installed auto off motion based switches.
- * Stopped buying coffee on the way to work. Take a travel mug.
- * Stopped buying bottled water on the way to work. Added a second faucet with an in-line filtration system. Added a water cooler. Refilling the 5 gallon cooler bottle from the filtered tap once a week. 10,000 gallons of water costs approximately \$70 in these parts. You do the math.
- * Purchased appliances, actually looked at the energy efficiency ratings and cost per year of operation.
- * Keep car tune up schedule, watch tire pressure, regular oil changes.
- * Replaced 100 year old windows with energy efficient triple pane windows.
- * Check and repair toilet mechs on a regular basis.

Stupid shit, but I'm pretty detail oriented and every single one of these things is saving me money, including the initial outlay.

Chuck