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Living Green On A Shoestring (Part 1) Do You Believe in Miracles?



Whether you're pinching pennies or twenty dollar bills it seems that most of us are feeling the painful pinch of a less than ideal economy. Was it not just yesterday we were talking of ways to protect the earth, and now we are scrambling to protect our pocketbook? Take heart! Saving the earth and saving your budget are actions that are more in harmony than you think.

Be Green Savvy in Leaner Times

Here are our top 5 picks for harmonious ways to green it up and save some green. This may be the first time in a long time when NOT BUYING can be hip.



- Organic produce - If buying organic is a stress on your budget perhaps you don't need to eliminate it entirely. Instead you could limit your organic purchases to produce with thin skins that you won't be peeling, such as apples, tomatoes, and fresh berries. For a more detailed list check out [MSNBC's](#) article titled "The Dirty Dozen".
- Organize and prioritize errands using the most efficient route. This will save on gas, and add some time to your day; who can't use that? Chant Ohm.....
- Buy quality used goods (only when needed), such as, furniture, cars, and clothing. This will save money and help conserve resources used to produce massive amounts of new stuff.
- Skip the Hybrid Car...Are they worth it? Consider the petroleum resources it takes to make and ship a new car, and the number of cars that may be heading to the junkyard due to the mass purchases of new hybrids. If your current car isn't a gas guzzler and is in good running condition it may be better for the environment and your pocket book if you learn to love it and keep it!
- Use the library! Reduce your spending. your home's clutter



and your carbon footprint by "borrowing" (not buying or renting) movies, video games, music, magazines, and books. Many libraries also loan out "Cultural Passes" for free admission to various educational adventures around town.

As always, when you hit the wall on organizing problems and just don't know where to turn, call or email us at Organizers Northwest. You can also visit us at our website OrganizersNW.com. We're here to help.

Happy Organizing,

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