



Make 2008 The Year You **GO GREEN**

Politicians and manufacturers are now agreeing with what Environmentalists have been saying for years: American consumers need to be concerned about the choices they make that directly affect our Global Climate.

GREEN living for your home:

- The most effective choice you can make is to **RECYCLE in your home**. Now it's even easier! The City of Sturgis now provides curbside pickup to City residents. [learn more](#)
- **Say NO to plastic bags.** Few people recycle the plastic bags they get from local stores, so they end up in landfills and take an estimated 500 years to decompose. Solution? You can now buy reusable bags from stores like Walmart that are not only recyclable, but are also made from recycled materials. [learn more](#)
- One of the simplest things you can do is simply to **turn off your lights** when you leave the room. Not only will you save on your electric bill, but you'll also be conserving valuable energy. You can also replace regular bulbs with **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs**. [learn more](#)
- **Change your consumer habits.**
 - Buy local** -- local products use less resources for transportation and packaging.
 - Buy organic** -- crops are grown without the use of harmful agents like pesticides.
 - Buy renewable** -- renewable products ensure that we'll have enough resources for all our needs.
 - Buy recycled** -- find manufacturers like Kleenex who use recycled products in their packaging.Make these buying choices a habit! [learn more](#)

For more information and suggestions on how you can help, visit our new [GREEN section](#).