

Resources on Reducing Your Impact

<http://noimpactproject.org/change/colins-how-tos/> This is a list of 25 simple “How-to’s” featured on Colin Beaven’s blog. Each step has a corresponding blog post about how Colin did it, and each post also has interesting discussion from readers! A great resource with many simple steps one can take to reduce our impact!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FMBsblpcrc&app=desktop> This short TED Talk demonstrates how one simple change- reducing paper towel usage- is something we can all do to make a difference!

We’ve never used these products – so not endorsing – but think it’s an interesting example of a company framing/thinking about the impact of their business on the environment.

<http://www.newleafpaper.com/> New Leaf Paper Company

Websites & Blogs with General tips and Information on living an eco-friendly lifestyle:

www.live-eco-logically.com/simplify.html

This company does consulting work – but they also provide this very helpful website, with great links, so you can explore on your own key issues related to living sustainably and reducing your carbon footprint.

<http://www.freshjuice.ca/live-well/green-living-tips/30-tips-for-eco-friendly-living/a/40248>

This website has many articles related to eating and living well. Here is a link to one article containing simple tips to living an eco-friendly lifestyle!

Resource practically in our own backyard!

Electronic Waste (E-waste) Recycling Center (Oak Lawn)

Location: Public works garage, 5550 W. 98th St.

The collection site is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers will unload your e-waste items (broken or out-of-date electronic items) from your vehicle. You don’t need to be a resident of Oak Lawn to use the center. More than 150 tons of e-waste was collected by the site in 2013.

For more info on how the recycled e-waste is used, see this link:

<http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/neighborhoodstar/oaklawn/24805545-521/petzel-oak-lawn-committed-to-e-waste-recycling.html>

Why is the size of our carbon footprint important? These links address climate change.

- <http://climatecounts.org/> This organization brings consumers and companies together to improve global climate change. They score companies on their dedication to being environmentally conscious and have many other resources as well.
- 350.org/ 350 is a global network inspiring grassroots movements to solve the climate crisis. There’s a local group in Chicago!
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – 2013 Report
http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/#.Uvt9n_tvCSp