

GREEN WORLD



CUPE members can make a difference....

Buy Local

A lot of the food you eat has travelled a great distance to get to us. On average, various food items travel more than 2,400 kilometres. That's a lot of energy, transport and storage. Buying local means fresher food. It also helps local farmers and reduces air pollution.

Drink Tap Water

A lot of energy and chemicals go into bottled water. Plastic bottles are filling up our landfills. Tap water is clean, safe, and better for the environment.

Do Laundry with Cold Water


Up to 90 per cent of the energy used in washing clothes is for heating the water. If you wash four out of every five loads in cold water, you'll save about 35 kilograms of CO₂ emissions from entering the atmosphere every month.

Don't idle

Turn off your car engine if you're parked for more than 10 seconds. Your car will last longer and cutting emissions helps the environment.

Write a Politician

Politicians are elected to represent you. Sending a letter or an e-mail is one way to get their attention. Keep it short. Start with your strongest point and end with a call for action. Include your name and address so that they can reply to you.



"By making just a few small changes like these in our lives, we can all do our part to make the world cleaner and greener."

CUPE BC president Barry O'Neill

April 22 is Earth Day - our commitment is Every Day