

MOVE IN?

10 EASY WAYS TO
MAKE YOUR NEW HOME
GREENER



1 Donate reusable cardboard boxes, recycle the rest

Find a local organization that will accept cardboard boxes as a donation or if the leftover boxes do not fit in your blue recycling bin find a recycling center at WasteFreeSD.org



2 Opt out of junk mail

The average household received more than 800 pieces of junk mail per year, opt out of junk mail [HERE](#) and go paperless on statements by changing the settings on your accounts.

3 Buy second hand furniture

Try using a free app to find anything from dressers, entertainment centers, and bed frames or search for free items online. For a list of second hand furniture apps and websites click [HERE](#).

4 Switch from CFL's to LED's

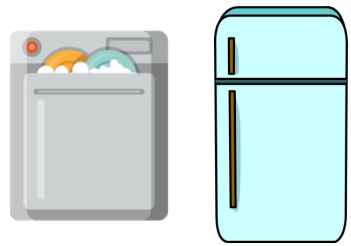
LED bulbs last longer and use less energy than CFL's. Remember to properly recycle CFL's, to find a local household hazardous waste collection facility visit WasteFreeSD.org

5 Install low flow fixtures

Installing water aerators into your existing faucets is easy and inexpensive, plus it saves water! Water aerators can cost as low as \$3 per faucet and can be installed using no tools on modern faucets. Water aerators increase the perceived water pressure which conserves water and reduces energy use. Installing a low flow shower head can significantly decrease the gallons of water per minute (GPM) which can save thousands of gallons of water each year. Older toilets before 1992, used up to 7 gallons per flush. Many low flow toilets use as low as 1.5 gallons per flush which can save money.

6 Purchase energy and water saving appliances

Compare specific appliance features, energy conservation qualities and water saving products online, visit [SDG&E marketplace](#) to compare and find rebates available for appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers, and water heaters.



7 Start a compost pile

Depending on the size of your home, there are different composting bins available. Traditional composting can be beneficial for homes with more than 2 people and can be very low maintenance. Vermicomposting is perfect for 1 person households or apartments because it saves on space. Learn more about composting [HERE](#).

8 Non-toxic cleaning

Eliminate harmful toxins from entering your home and invest some time into making your own cleaning solutions. Homemade cleaning solutions can be created using common items like vinegar, lemon, and baking powder. To find easy cleaning recipes click [HERE](#).

9 Add mulch

Mulch in your garden or yard can help retain water, suppress weeds, and improve soil quality.

10 Recycle properly



Ensure that you are recycling right, visit WasteFreeSD.org/resources to find recycling guides

