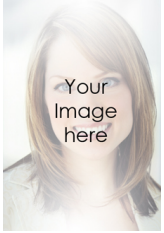
Earth Day
around the house

Earth Day is just around the corner — here are some tips for the upkeep of our shared home.

- **Go paperless.** Switching to paperless delivery can save up to 6 pounds of paper and 23 pounds of wood per household per year!
- **Paint your roof white.** In hot climates, painting your roof a sun-reflecting shade of white can cut your annual cooling bill by up to 30%! The less energy used to cool your home, the smaller your environmental footprint.
- **Start a compost pile.** Composting is like recycling, but better. To make a compost pile, layer organic material and dirt then mix the ingredients together every few weeks. The result is humus, a rich soil that will improve the overall look and condition of your property.
- **Plant a vegetable garden.** Turn your yard into a food source. What better way to appreciate the earth than growing and eating your own produce?
- **Make your own cleaning solution.** Instead of cleaning your home with toxic chemicals, create a cleaner that works just as well using only vinegar, water and baking soda.
- **Stop using herbicides.** Consider the negative effects of herbicides on beneficial pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. A garden hoe and a nice pair of gloves work just as well.
- **Talk about environmental protection.** Volunteer locally and become part of a growing movement of people willing to do the work necessary to protect the planet.

If you're interested in selling your property and finding a new piece of the planet to call home, please **call me today**!



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