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Eco Latch Systems, LLC Policy on Environmentally Preferred Practices & Products

Because the mission and vision of Box Latch™ Products made by Eco Latch Systems is focused on reduction of packaging waste, we hereby adopt the guidelines for eco-friendly businesses established by Conserve Energy Future conserve-energy-future.com.

15 Easy Ways We Can Become More Environmentally Friendly

Learning to be more environmentally friendly is easier than you think. You don't have to jump in by changing everything, start small to make the changes more sustainable and a part of your normal life. Here are 5 ways you can begin to become more environmentally friendly.

- 1. Become More Aware of Resources:** Live with a greater awareness of the resources that you use in your daily life. Pay attention to how you choose to heat, to travel, to use water and use products that were made by manufacturing practices. Awareness is what will allow you to then begin to make environmentally friendly choices.
- 2. Practice Conservation:** With your new awareness of how natural resources are used in your life start to practice conservation. This can be as simple as turning off the lights as you leave a room and as complex as making different choices when it comes to building your home.
- 3. Plant Trees:** Trees are necessary for us to survive. They give oxygen, fruits, clean the air, provide shelter to wildlife and prevent soil erosion. A shady landscape around your home can help you to reduce consumption of energy and keep your home cool even during summers. Work with local environmental groups to plant more trees and educate others about the positive aspects of it.
- 4. Conserve Water:** Water needs to be conserved as lot of energy is required to pump water from rivers or lakes into your home. Conserving water reduces the amount of energy that is needed to filter it. Ways to do this include taking short showers, fixing leaking pipes, closing the tap while brushing your teeth, using water saving appliances, collecting rainwater in a rain barrel to water your plants.
- 5. Change Your Travel Habits:** Driving and flying are two areas where you can make a real impact with environmentally friendly practices. Choose fuel efficient travel options, travel less and try to pick more direct routes to save on fuel. If your office is near your home, ride a bicycle instead of a car.

- 6. Reduce Use of Fossil Fuel Based Products:** Find out what products and consumables you use that are made using fossil fuel based products and processes and use them less or replace them in your life.
- 7. Buy Locally Grown Products:** An easy way to reduce your carbon footprint is to buy locally grown products. When you shop locally instead of buying products that were shipped from far away, you are actually supporting local dairies and farms. Apart from this, you can follow organic farming practices and can grow food on your own backyard and can sell surplus to your friends.
- 8. Reduce Use of Harmful Chemicals:** Hazardous chemicals like paint, oil, ammonia and other chemical solutions when disposed openly, can cause pollution in the air and water as these chemicals can seep into the groundwater. The polluted air and water can have serious consequences on human health. They should be disposed of at a toxic waste site for safe disposal.
- 9. Composting:** Composting is an easy process that takes remains of plants and kitchen waste and converts it into rich nutrient food for your plants that helps them grow. It reduces the amount of garbage that goes to the landfills which pollutes the air. This way it proves safe for the environment.
- 10. 3 R's of Waste Hierarchy:** The 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) waste hierarchy is the order of priority of actions to be taken to reduce the amount of waste generated and to improve overall waste management processes and programs. Reduce simply means reducing what is produced and what is consumed. Reuse items for a different purpose instead of sending them to landfills. To recycle something means that it will be transformed again into a raw material that can be shaped into a new item.
- 11. Buy Recycled Products:** When you go out for shopping, try to buy products from market that are made up of recycled materials with minimal packaging i.e. the product should be environment friendly. Look into manufacturing processes to check if it was made from recycled materials or the use of plastics or chemicals was involved in its production.
- 12. Join Environment Groups:** You may find different environmental groups in your city with whom you can join hands to protect mother earth and make the environment clean. A quick Google search can help you in finding such groups. You can also pull your friends and relatives and ask them for a helping hand.
- 13. Stop Littering:** One of the common sight that we see every day on streets is seeing people littering on roads. One of the ways to keep the environment and surrounding clean around you is to stop people from littering on roads. Instead, educate them to put trash and garbage in dustbins. The pile of garbage on road hampers the beauty of city and also pollutes the air.
- 14. Protect Wildlife:** Human activity is leading to extinction of many species and habitats. Protect beaches and forests that are habitats for animals. Join hands with local forest department to protect animal habitat.
- 15. Educate Others:** Educate others about the importance of living an environmentally friendly life. The more we share an awareness of the importance of the environment, the more we can do together to conserve it.