

# The Green Clan



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## Beware of Vampire Power Loss

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If you think you can eliminate *Vampire Power* with a cross, a wooden stake, and some garlic then, sadly, you are mistaken. To combat *Vampire Power* you need to unplug your electronics even when they're turned off. Televisions, computers, Nintendo's, are some of the biggest vampires in your home, but coffee makers, vcr's, electrical chargers left plugged-in are some of the other devices that continue to use electricity even when shut off. The ability of a home electrical

device to continue to use electricity even when shut off: well, that's the definition of *Vampire Power*.

In most cases, the electricity lost isn't a large amount, but in some cases it might be quite high, such as a plasma TV (the worst offender). In any case, the cumulative cost of these energy-sapping appliances can add up to about 4 billion dollars annually. Most of this electrical loss occurs because of appliances with standby power. To avoid these power losses in your home you can

unplug all unused appliances (some of the instructions suggest this anyway), or you can buy a power strip and flip it to off when the appliances are not in use.

As a rule, you should: unplug all electrical devices not being used, especially video electronics that tend to use more juice when in the off mode. If you own a plasma TV and don't unplug it, at least hang some garlic around it to ward off the vampires.

### ***• Please Note:***

***We accept only corrugated cardboard for recycling. No cereal boxes or beer boxes.***



### **A Tribute to Edgar Summers**

**Info gleaned from the internet.....for more on Edgar Summers, look him up**

Perhaps you're familiar with Joba Chamberlain and Jacoby Ellsbury. They are both major league baseball players and are both Native Americans. Joba is Winnebago, and he pitches for the New York Yankees. Jacoby is an outfielder for the Boston Red Sox. Since 1897 there have been 47

full blood Native Americans to play baseball in the majors. One such full blood was a Kickapoo named Edgar Summers, and he pitched for the Detroit Tigers from 1908 to 1912. Edgar had an ERA in 1908 of 1.64 and that is still a single season ERA record for Detroit Tiger pitching. Some of the players

(naturally) called him "Chief" but most fans knew him as "Kickapoo Ed". He was born in Ladoga, Indiana in 1884. In 1908 he had a pretty good year winning 24 games and pitching 2 World Series games. Rheumatism in the arm ended his career too early. He was Pro; he was Kickapoo.

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**For our Tire Roundup in September, we managed to round up 982 tires; that's enough tires to take care of 245 cars. It was a big success, so thank you for participating.**

*Close your storm windows, cover windows with plastic to save energy*

## HOW TO REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Collectively, we all journey through life and use energy resources on our journey. This results in green house gases, carbon emissions, and so on, and much of that energy usage is unavoidable. After all, we need our cars to get to work; we need propane to stay warm; we need electricity to light and cool our homes. Global warming is caused by carbon emissions, and human activity causes carbon emissions. Individually, we add to the collective carbon footprint everyday. Though we can't eliminate our footprints, we can take steps to reduce them. Don't sink up to your knees in carbon; take measures to reduce your footprints by small amounts.

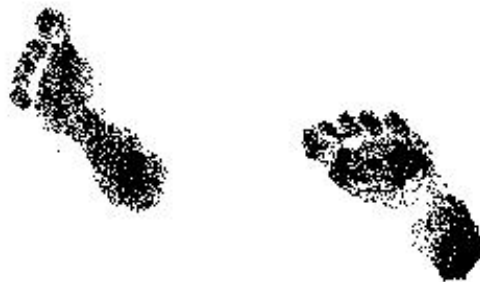
- Make your next car a fuel efficient car, and drive less

often.

- Buy Energy Star approved appliances; they meet strict energy use guidelines set by EPA and U.S. Department of Energy
- Use energy efficient light bulbs, the kind with a curly-Q on top.
- Unplug unused appliances,

especially plasma tv's.

- Dry clothes outside on a line when possible.
- Turn down the heat and save, or turn it down a lot and bundle up and save more.
- Bonus points for inventing non-fossil fuel car utilized across the globe.



***Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving  
and a Merry  
Christmas  
and New  
Year!***

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## SOME RECYCLING INFO

Separate slick paper from regular paper. Magazines and advertisements have paper that has been sprayed with tiny clay particles. The clay allows ink of many colors to make photographic images. Bundle them both in small bags.

Don't put boxboard in with corrugated cardboard. Boxboard is for cereal boxes, or shoes, and beer cases. To recycle cardboard into cardboard again, it must be from the same type of cardboard. In other words, boxboard can't be made into corrugated cardboard, only into more boxboard. Our current recycling station does not want any boxboard, just corrugated.