



# green tips

## GREEN WEEK 2014

“Travel Day” - February 12

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know the City of Eau Claire:
  - Used approximately 400,000 gallons of fuel last year.
  - Implemented an **anti-idling policy** for city-owned vehicles in 2011.
  - Owns 7 environmental friendly vehicles, including three hybrid buses.
  - Has 2.67 miles of on-road bike lanes and approximately 30 miles of off road bike trails.
- In 2013, 1,047,962 people rode Eau Claire Transit.
- Transportation is the second largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

### EVERYDAY TRAVEL TIPS:

- When possible walk, ride your bike, carpool, or use public transportation.
- Drive a fuel efficient vehicle. See what's on the list by clicking [here](#).
- Drive sensibly: speeding, rapid accelerating and braking lower your gas mileage by 33%.
- Make sure your vehicle's tires are properly inflated.
- Use cruise control.
- Combine errands to make fewer trips.
- Conduct conference calls or video conferences for off-site meetings when possible.
- Keep a reusable water bottle and coffee thermos in your vehicle so you can refuse disposable bottles and cups when you're out and about.

### VACATION TRAVEL TIPS:

- Unplug unnecessary appliances in your home before you leave.
- Set your thermostat and water heater to low settings.
- When flying, attempt to book non-stop flights. Take-off and landing uses the most fuel. After your plane lands, request to rent a hybrid car.
- Consider staying at a **green hotel**.
- Consider choosing a travel destination that offers walking or biking tours.
- Purchase local goods and services.
- Plan a “staycation” and enjoy what your own community has to offer. As a bonus, you'll be supporting your local economy in the process!



### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Eau Claire Transit  
EPA'S Greener Living Resources  
Travel + Leisure  
Center for Sustainable Destinations  
EcoLogic LifeStyle



City of Eau Claire Hybrid Bus



video:

**“IT'S YOUR CHOICE”**  
STARRING KELLY & PAT



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