

First Pres has been certified as a
"Green Business"
by Santa Clara County

- This is an ongoing process in which we commit to work on reducing water and electric use, increasing recycling, and reducing use of toxic products
- We also subscribe to Palo Alto Green

Plumbing and Electricity

- We have replaced toilets with low flow models wherever feasible
- We have replaced most light bulbs with CFLs

Insulation

- Insulation is being installed in rooms with daily use, starting with TLC classrooms 4 & 5
- Next, the Office block

Hospitality and Meals

- We use ceramic mugs, plates, and bowls over paper and never plastic or styrofoam
- We use fabric tablecloths over paper or plastic
- We use compostable flatware and glasses rather than plastic

Landscaping

- The Sanctuary Garden uses low flow irrigation
- The new Lincoln Garden will replace water-guzzling lawns with California natives

Recycle, Re-use, 1 of 3

- We use recycled paper and encourage the pastors to limit the number of pages in each Sunday's Bulletin
- The Deacons sponsor a closet that has crutches, walkers, etc.

Recycle, Re-use, 2 of 3

- We have recycling barrels for cans, bottles, paper etc in Fellowship Hall and outside the kitchen door
- We have a compost pile by the Youth House

Recycle, Re-use, 3 of 3

- The City has informed us that food scraps can no longer be put through the garbage disposal and will soon provide us with a vegetable waste bin for community recycling

Transportation

- The Deacons sponsor a Share a Ride to Church campaign
- We have installed bike racks by the Chapel and the choir room