

Sylvania Franciscans care for creation by:

- Washing clothes in cold water
- Using white vinegar in lieu of fabric softener
- Using environmentally friendly/home-made cleaning products
- Shopping less, focusing on our needs, not our wants
- Renewing our efforts to reduce, re-use, and recycle
- Making conscious effort to conserve water
- Not running water at length (brushing teeth or washing dishes)
- Supporting efforts of area legislators to clean up Lake Erie
- Conserving energy by unplugging small appliances to curb phantom loads
- Turning off lights when the room is not being used

Sylvania Franciscans are conscious of their food choices by:

- Supporting local growers and grocers
- Buying fruit and vegetables at local farmers market
- Buying organic food, when possible
- Eating less meat, especially beef
- Eating a meatless meal one day a week
- Eating more fruit, vegetables, grains, and raw foods
- Eating at locally-owned restaurants
- Contributing to Food Pantry collections

Sylvania Franciscans help conserve water by:

- Celebrating World Water Day (prayer and education for action)
- Washing full loads when washing clothes, using cold water if possible
- Keeping a container of drinking water in the fridge
- Taking short showers or baths
- Shutting water off when brushing teeth, cleaning vegetables
- Utilizing recyclable and sustainable water bottles to minimize waste

