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□ Stop Using Single Use Plastic Products—such as water bottles, soda cups, shopping bags, etc.

□ Wash and Re-Use Plastic Bags—if you feel you need to use them.

□ **Select Recycled Paper Products**—tissue, towels, printer paper, etc.

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