

GREEN ACTION

Committee

Simple ways you can help Camrose be greener:

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Reduce energy use

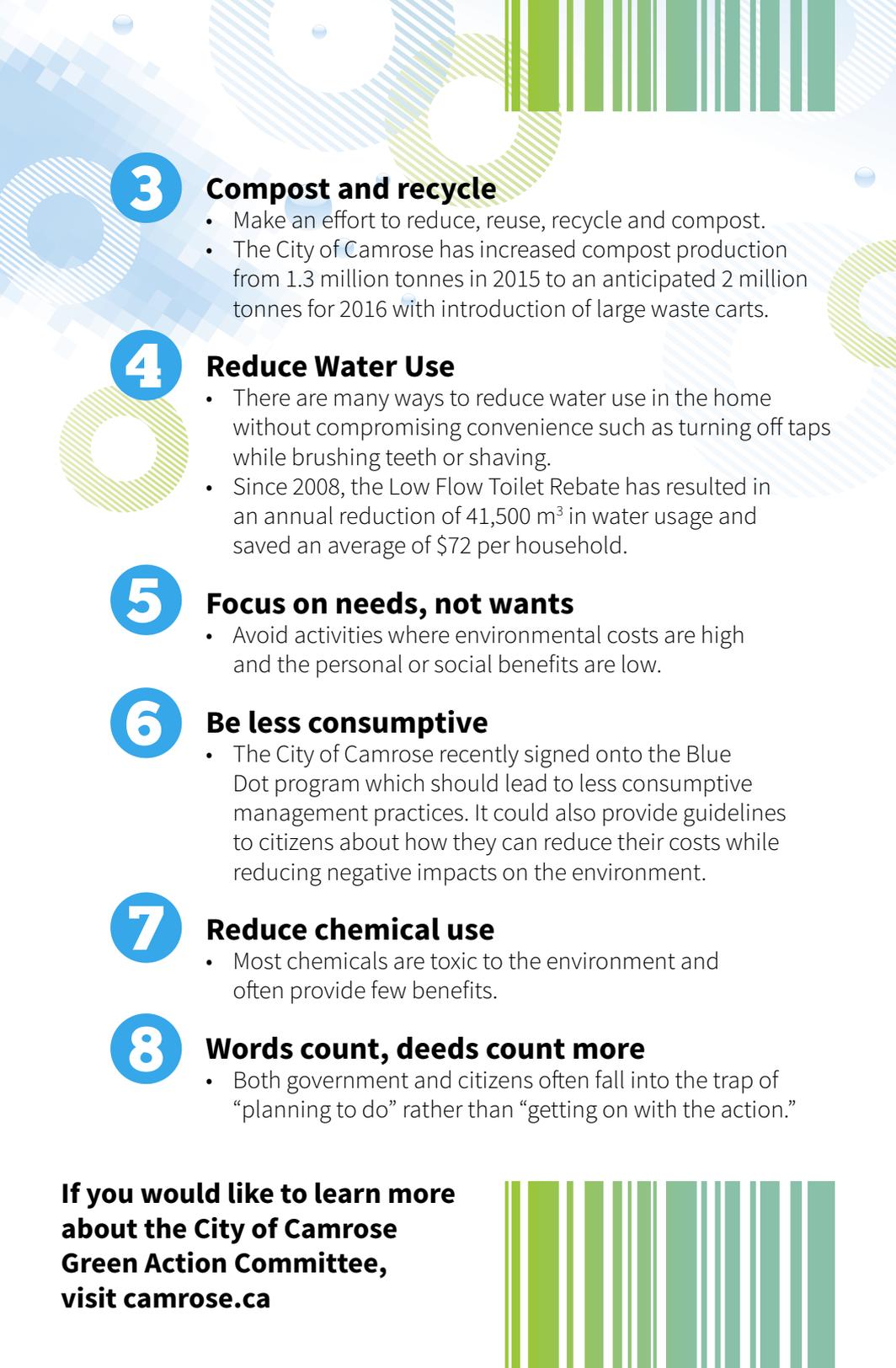
- If it's not being used, turn it off. Consider installing solar panels – future government incentives may make them a viable energy source.
- The City of Camrose has installed over 3,000 solar panels on the Recreation Center providing 30 to 40 percent of the arena's electrical power requirements.

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Reduce vehicle idling times

- Emissions from both diesel- and gasoline-powered machinery and vehicles are carcinogenic. All should be advised to minimize idling of vehicles, particularly around schools and playgrounds.

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Compost and recycle

- Make an effort to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.
- The City of Camrose has increased compost production from 1.3 million tonnes in 2015 to an anticipated 2 million tonnes for 2016 with introduction of large waste carts.

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Reduce Water Use

- There are many ways to reduce water use in the home without compromising convenience such as turning off taps while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Since 2008, the Low Flow Toilet Rebate has resulted in an annual reduction of 41,500 m³ in water usage and saved an average of \$72 per household.

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Focus on needs, not wants

- Avoid activities where environmental costs are high and the personal or social benefits are low.

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Be less consumptive

- The City of Camrose recently signed onto the Blue Dot program which should lead to less consumptive management practices. It could also provide guidelines to citizens about how they can reduce their costs while reducing negative impacts on the environment.

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Reduce chemical use

- Most chemicals are toxic to the environment and often provide few benefits.

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Words count, deeds count more

- Both government and citizens often fall into the trap of “planning to do” rather than “getting on with the action.”

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