

Green Action Advent Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	Christmas Day

Dec 1st: If you drive a full-sized SUV or van, add \$5. If you drive a 6-cylinder vehicle, add a loonie. If you have a fuel-efficient 4-cylinder vehicle or hybrid car, keep on saving your money.*

Dec 2nd: If you don't have a compost bin add two dollars. If you have a bin but haven't used it this month, put in a loonie. Find out more information on [winter composting](#).

Dec 3rd: If you use a block heater, donate a quarter if you leave it running all night. [Set your block heater](#) to run only two hours before you plan to leave in the morning. There is no need to idle.

Dec 4th: Add up all the toxic items you have in the garage including old paints, empty pesticide cans and blown CFL lights. 10 cents for each item. The hazardous waste depot is open the first Saturday of each month; drop them off at 1803 Heckla Avenue.

Dec 5th: Donate 10 cents for each day you leave your [sidewalk not shoveled](#). A clear sidewalk encourages active transportation. Leave a thin layer of snow to prevent people slipping.

Dec 6th: Add a dollar if you haven't yet signed up for the [year round commuter challenge](#).

Dec 7th: If you [walked, bused or carpooled](#) today, take the money you would have paid for parking and set aside half for charity.

Dec 8th: If your [thermostat](#) is set above 63 degrees f (17 C) at night put in a toonie.

Dec 9th: Add a loonie if you haven't had your [tire pressure](#) checked this winter. Check out ecodrivermanitoba.ca for more driving tips.

Dec 10th: Put in a loonie if you [drove your kids to school](#) more than once this month. Fine yourself a five if you idled outside the school yard.

Dec 11th: [SNUB](#) (Say no to bags) plastic shopping bags. Put in a quarter for every plastic bag you bring home over the holidays.

Dec 12: As you are cleaning house to get ready for friends and family, check to make sure that you have [non-toxic cleaners](#). Add 10 cents for every cleaning product that isn't eco-logo certified or contains toxic chemicals.

Dec 13th: [Write a letter](#) to your MP on climate change. Tell your MP that you are putting money in your share box to help protect the environment. Ask that the government do its share also.

Dec 14th: Add a loonie if you can't remember the last time you cleaned your [furnace filter](#). Then do it.*

Dec 15th: If you washed your clothes in [cold water](#), you are already saving money. Share some of it by putting 50 cents from every load to your favourite charity.

Dec 16th: Use non-commercial [wrapping paper](#), use newspapers, paper bags or other reusable materials. Take a dollar from the money you save on paper and put it in your sharing box.

Dec 17th: When visiting friends and family, [slow down](#) and save gas. If not, add 10 cents for every km/h you drive above the speed limit.*

Dec 18th: [Take a walk](#) to see the neighbourhood Christmas lights. Charge yourself a dollar for this healthy, free, environmentally-friendly entertainment.

Dec 19th: Add a loonie for every showerhead in your home that isn't [water-efficient](#).

Dec 20th: Add two dollars for every gift you bought that is on our ["gifts not to buy list"](#).

Dec 21st: It is the darkest day of the year, add a nickel for every [light](#) you leave on when you leave the room.

Dec 22nd: Add up 10 cents for each string of [Christmas lights](#) around your house, double it for every string that isn't LED.

Dec 23rd: If you gave a [second hand present](#) put aside a loonie for your sharing box. With the money you saved you can afford it.

Dec 24th: Take the [Turkey Challenge](#) buy a local turkey for the holidays, and take a break from donating.

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