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Easy things you can do to help save wildlife

1 Say 'No' to animal souvenirs



Help stop the trade in coral, tortoiseshell, butterflies, reptile skins and seashells by not buying these goods. Look for holiday keepsakes that don't put animals at risk.

2 Buy a battery re-charger



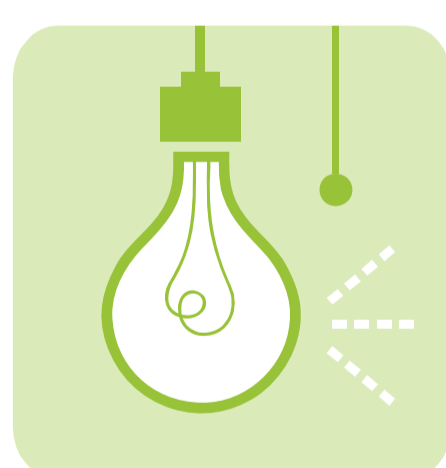
This will help reduce pollution levels. Each year in the UK we dump millions of used batteries. Mercury leaks out and pollutes soil and water supplies, putting many species at risk.

3 Choose wood from sustainable sources



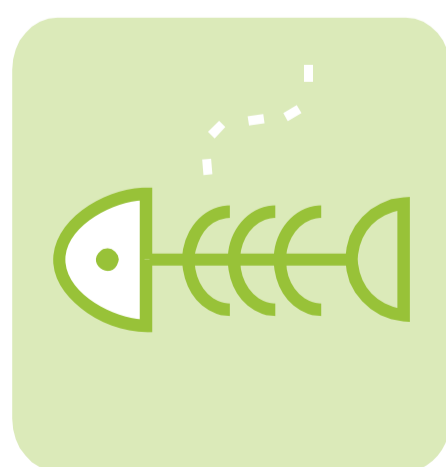
Avoid furniture and fittings made from mahogany, teak, rosewood and ebony. This will help save rainforests for wildlife.

4 Use energy saving lightbulbs



A low energy light bulb uses about 20% the electricity of an ordinary bulb.

5 Think of dolphins when buying tuna



Check the label on the tin to see that the tuna was caught in nets that don't harm dolphins.

6 Don't leave the tap running



When brushing your teeth, fill a mug instead. Over a year, each of us pours a whole swimming pool of clean water down the drain. It's too precious to waste – plants and wild animals need that water as much as you.

7 Wear a jumper



If we all turned down the heating by just one degree, we'd save 10% of the fuel used for heating. Less fuel consumed means a safer, healthier environment.

8 Don't use stand-by



'Standby' actually consumes electricity needlessly. By switching off appliances at the wall we can save money and the environment by reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

9 Boiling water



Just boil as much water in the kettle as you need. Or keep that spare cup from the cafetiere or tea pot in a flask for when you next want it.

10 Support conservation



Become a member of your local zoo, or adopt an endangered species. Volunteer with your local Wildlife Trust, or join one of the many other organisations that protect wildlife and their habitats.