

Interfaith Action of SW Michigan  
**GREEN FAITH COMMUNITY**



**Green Faith Community Designation Checklist**

- Replace light bulbs with LED or other energy saving bulbs
- Recycle everything possible including:
  - alkaline batteries
  - paper, newspaper, cardboard, phone books
  - use both sides of paper when printing or copying
  - Glass
  - aluminum cans, pie plates, and other food containers
  - plastic (check which numbers a place will take) including frozen food trays
  - junk mail
- Make sure the furnace is tuned and air filters are replaced as needed.
- Turn hot water heater down.
- Consider replacing old toilets with water conserving new toilets.
- Have an energy audit done at your place of worship.
- Use eco-friendly cleaning products.
- Use recyclable paper or china for dinners & refreshments instead of plastic products.
- Ban the use of rice or balloon releases at weddings and other celebrations.
- Use low maintenance landscaping, including ground covers instead of grass where possible to reduce the need for lawn mowing.
- Recycle ink cartridges.
- Participate in a Green activity-- i.e. cleaning up a park, beach, or roadway.
- Ask your faith leader to preach or teach at least once annually on the environment.
- Make sure any new appliances are designated as energy efficient.

Score:

If you checked off any of these boxes, you are a faith community that cares about the environment. Congratulations and please continue working toward a Green Faith Community designation.

8 or more boxes checked earns a Green Faith Community designation from Interfaith Action with a frameable certificate.

Please email [swmichinterfaithaction@gmail.com](mailto:swmichinterfaithaction@gmail.com) to notify Interfaith Action if your faith community fits this designation.