



**(1) Water with the rain.** It only takes 1/4 inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof to fill the typical rain barrel. If half of Snoqualmie households used a 50 gallon rain barrel, it would save \$27,000 in purchased water in the city. Standard rain barrels carry between 30 to 100 gallons, though many sell at 50 gallons. Rain is naturally "soft water," with no lime, chlorine, or calcium; it is ideal for multiple uses, including delicate plants and washing your car! Just be careful if your roof is made of treated wood shingles or copper roof, in which case do not consume the water or use it on edible plants. Learn more: [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org)



**(2) Caulk and save cash.** Only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well-insulated, and new homes often should be reviewed for craftsmanship in weatherizing. Not sure where to begin? Well, start by looking for leaks! Caulking can save up to \$90 a year per house, and prevent 1,100 lbs of emissions. If half of Snoqualmie households thoroughly weatherized, it would save \$155,000 in electricity and 946 tons of carbon—the equivalent emissions of 210 cars for a whole year. Caulking costs less than \$1 per window; weather stripping is less than \$10 per door. Find more energy saving tips: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/>



**(3) Rack up clothes, not bills.** If every city household had an average sized family, we'd wash about 1,255,600 laundry loads every year. Air drying saves cash, money, doesn't shrink clothes, or send material to the lint bin! Drying half your clothes on a clothes rack can save \$65 a year per house, and prevent 1,016 lbs of GHG emissions. If half of Snoqualmie households dried half of their laundry on clothes racks, it would save \$110,000 in electricity and remove the equivalent of 194 cars from the road. If you personally used a clothes rack and caulked, it would like taking one quarter of a car off the road annually.



**Upcoming Greening Snoqualmie: Speaker's Forum Sessions:**

**June 21, 7:00 p.m. -- Snoqualmie: Green Visions & 'If I Had my Druthers'**

The last session in the series will include a workshop to reflect on what participants have learned, gather input on issues and opportunities for change, and discover what citizens envision for the future of Snoqualmie.

*Come to our final session June 21<sup>st</sup> to tell how you would like us to Green Snoqualmie!*