## V. Litter Prevention and Beautification Efforts

- Adopt-a-Spot in the area of your neighborhood to provide clean-up activities and/or beautification efforts.
- Plant trees to provide shade and wind protection for your home.
- Donate a tree through the Commemorative Tree Program.
- Report violations of weeds over 10 inches high, trash on a property and/or inoperable motor vehicles to City Code Inspectors.
- Volunteer to clean off graffiti on a property in your community.

For more information on how "Roanoke is going Clean and Green", please visit the web-site at <u>www.roanokeva.gov</u>: "Clean and Green" Campaign



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**Citizens Environmental Checklist** 

- I. <u>Waste Reduction & Recycling</u>:
  - □ Recycle the following materials:
    - Plastics (#1 and #2)
    - Corrugated Cardboard and Containers
    - o Aluminum and Steel Cans
    - o Mixed Paper/Junk Mail
    - o Newspapers
    - o Magazines
    - o Clear glass
    - Old Metals (Jar lids, used hardware, old appliances, etc.)
    - Computer Printout
    - Printer and Fax Cartridges
    - Wrapping Paper (No mylar or plasticized paper)
    - Fluorescent Lighting Tubes
  - Participate in your local government's electronics recycling and hazardous waste collection event.
  - Recycle household batteries at the library recycling kiosks.
  - □ Use a water filter to purify tap water instead of buying bottled water.
  - □ Carry a reusable water bottle when traveling.

- □ Buy in bulk to save on packaging.
- Practice paper saving initiatives, such as doublesided printing, two page sheets, using eco-friendly printing paper, etc.
- □ Use washable mugs instead of Styrofoam cups.
- Carry your own canvas bags to the store instead of using plastic bags.
- Unsubscribe to junk mail lists through www.optout.com.

## II. Transportation

- □ Use public transportation, walk, cycle or carpool in travel to, from and at work.
- Talk to your boss about telecommuting at least 1 day a week.
- □ Register for a carpool partner on the Ride Solutions web-site at www.ridesolutions.org.
- Purchase a fuel-efficient or hybrid vehicle if you buy a new vehicle.

## III. Energy Efficiency

- Set the thermostat at least 2 degrees lower in the winter and at least 2 degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling.
- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) when older incandescent bulbs burn out.

- Unplug appliances when not in use or use a power strip to turn off electronics in "stand-by" mode (TVs, DVDs, Video Games, Consoles, etc.) to reduce electric consumption.
- □ Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible to save energy on heating the water.
- □ Use a drying rack instead of machine drying.
- Purchase Energy Star-recommended appliances when replacing old ones.
- □ Use natural light whenever possible.
- Clean or change your HVAC filter monthly during times of peak usage.
- Have a checkup for your HVAC system every 2 years to make sure that it is running efficiently.
- Plug leaks around the windows, doors and other wall penetrations with weather stripping and caulk.

## IV. Water Conservation

- □ Take shorter showers to reduce water use.
- □ Install a low-flow showerhead.
- $\Box$  Add aerators to sink faucets.
- Plant drought-tolerant vegetation in landscaped areas.
- □ Use recaptured rain water for landscaped areas.