

## In December

## Task of the Month

### Buy Less Stuff!

**What we consume accounts for 16% of the average American's energy use.**

When we buy less stuff, we simplify our lives and save money as well as lowering our carbon footprint.

**Give experiences for the holidays: a zoo or museum membership!**

Local resources where your purchases help Monroe County residents:

Opportunity House, My Sister's Closet, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Bloomington Thrift Shop, Monroe County Public Library Book Sale, Salvation Army and Goodwill.

When you shop, get in the habit of bringing your own bags.



### What's the environmental impact of a plastic bottle?

The Pacific Institute estimates that the energy to produce, fill, seal and label each bottle, plus the energy for shipping and recycling or (worse!) disposing of it, is equivalent to filling the bottles  $\frac{1}{4}$  full with oil.



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