

# GREEN RAMADAN ACTION PLAN

Ramadan Mubarak! This year Khaleafa.com wants to help you have a greener Ramadan. This quick and easy action plan will help get you started on a greener journey whether at home, at the mosque or elsewhere in the community!



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## CARPOOLING

One of the easiest ways to reduce our carbon footprint and the emission of greenhouse gases is getting more cars off the road. Try carpooling to the mosque for iftar and tarawih and as an added bonus, you'll spend less time stressing about parking!

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## NO STYROFOAM

Styrofoam is bad for both you and the environment. Let's help cutdown on the styrofoam waste and choose other biodegradable options instead like paper or other plant-based materials.

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## WATER BOTTLES

In the Great Lakes, plastic makes up 80% of all litter. Use reusable water bottles to help reduce the plastic waste that ends up in landfills and our oceans.

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## FOOD WASTE

Reduce iftar waste by arranging for leftovers to be handled properly. Have takeout containers available for anyone who wants to take leftovers home. And at home, have a leftover iftar night to use up all of your leftovers before they spoil.

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## TURN DOWN THE LIGHTS

Turning down the lights during tarawih prayers not only help to save on electricity costs but also keeps the space cooler. It's a win/win!

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## CONSERVE WATER

Congregations tend to be larger during ramadan so be sure to not waste water when performing your wudu. Try opening the tap to a slow trickle instead of all the way or filling up a container and using the water to perform wudu instead.

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## CHOOSE LOCAL PRODUCE

Whenever possible, choose local produce and meats to use in preparing your iftar and dinner. Not only are they fresher but because they are local, they have a smaller carbon footprint.

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## MEATLESS IFTAR/DINNER

The meat production process releases a large amount of harmful green house gases into the atmosphere. Having one meatless iftar per week can help reduce these emissions.

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## LITTERLESS IFTARS

Help reduce the amount of waste at iftar time by avoiding single-use items like disposable plates, cups and cutlery.

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## SPREAD THE WORD

Take the opportunity while you have friends and family together to speak about environmental issues and encourage each other to take small everyday actions that will make a big collective difference!