

## **FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SYRACUSE**

### **EARTH STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**

Members and staff of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse will strive to adopt environmentally responsible practices. Efforts to advance consciously sustainable living by the society, within all legal and reasonable financial parameters, in the larger context of the neighborhood, county, state, nation and world will include:

1. Building construction and renovation
2. Energy use including heating and cooling
3. Use of efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs
4. Procurement of cleaning supplies and materials that are non-toxic and non-polluting
5. Landscaping and groundskeeping without pesticides
6. Waste disposal including recycling
7. Respect for any public or private lands used by the congregation

The Buildings and Grounds and Green Sanctuary Committees will gather information and report to the Board of Trustees in the following areas:

1. Waste reduction through reuse and recycling
2. Improved energy conservation and efficiency
3. Reduction of toxic substances in product procurement
4. Ways to increase awareness and use of fair-traded goods and services

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12/15/2009