

# **Islam & Environmental Protection**

The Holy Qura'n says:

- **“He is who has appointed you viceroys in the earth ... that He may try you in what He has given you.” (6:165)**
- **“O children of Adam! ... eat and drink: but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not the wasters.” (7:31)**

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- **“He is who produces gardens with trellises and without, and dates and crops of diverse flavors, and olives and pomegranates, similar (in kind) and different (in variety): eat of their fruit in their season, and pay what is due on them on harvest day. But waste not by excess: for God does not love those who waste.” (6:141)**

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Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

- **“There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him.”  
(Bukhari)**
- **“Do not waste even if performing ablution on the bank of a fast flowing large river”.  
(Thirmidhi)**

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As humans, we are keepers of all creation, including soil, air, water, animals and trees. A major objective of Islamic teachings and Prophet (peace be upon him) traditions is to build and maintain a healthy and clean environment which is devoid of any source of pollution and misuse. We need to treat other creatures with care and responsibility.



**ICB**

**Green Team**

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Working towards reducing our  
carbon footprint

# Two Initiatives

- Zero Waste Initiative
- Energy Efficiency Optimization



# Zero Waste Initiative **Goal**

Examine our consumption habits  
and find ways to foster a culture of  
conservation and environmental  
justice within our mosque.

***RELIGIOUSLY***  
**REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**





# **Ban on Styrofoam products, plastic straws & stirrers**

- Sunday School snack service
- Social Committee Events
- Friday Service
- ICB Facility Rental Policy

# Initiatives in-progress

- Composting
  - EnergizeWayland
  - 2 32-gallon compost bins from our existing trash vendor
  - Switch to compostable disposables products
  - Training and education
- Plastic water bottles
  - Reduce the use of plastic water bottles
  - Use pitchers of water with compostable cups

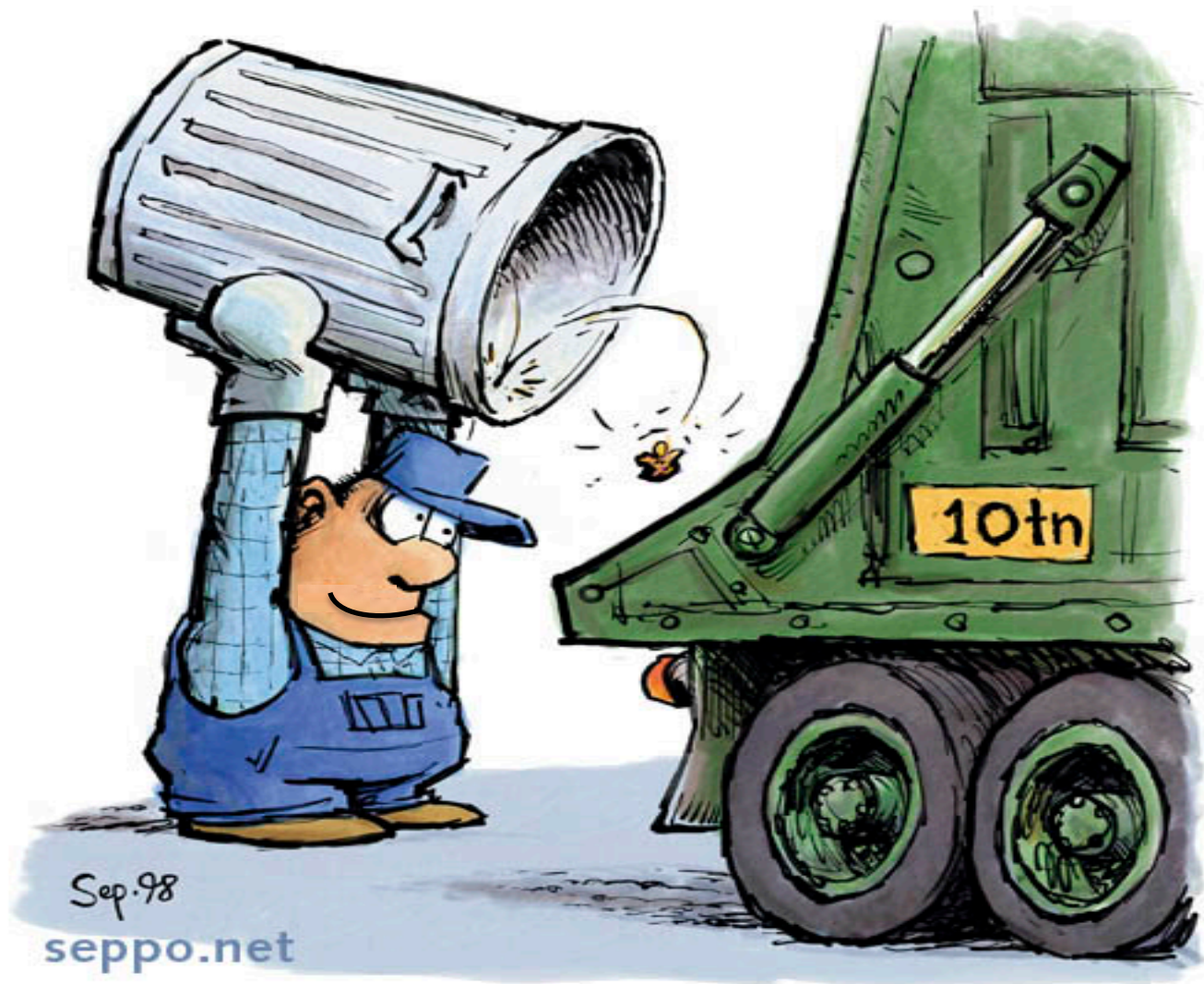
# Initiatives in-progress

- Dishwasher
  - New dishwasher for ICB's kitchen
  - A generous donor
  - Working with Green team from Temple Beth El
  - Commercial dishwasher or residential?
- Real tablecloths instead of disposables

# Coming soon!

- Zero Waste Initiative
  - Education campaign
  - Bringing it Home
- Energy Efficiency Optimization
  - Looking at energy efficiency infrastructure projects such as lighting, insulation, upgraded heating/cooling, and solar energy generation

# Thank you!



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