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# THE GREEN MASJID INITIATIVE

FOLLOW YOUR DEEN AND GO GREEN!



ART  
&  
WILDERNESS  
INSTITUTE

# INTRODUCTION

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## Art & Wilderness Institute (AWI):

- Connect with nature
- Stewardship values
- Community service

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The Shura Council of Southern California is partnering with AWI to support Islamic organizations transition toward more sustainable and responsible practices in accordance with the Quran and Sunnah.

# WHAT IS OUR ROLE AS MUSLIMS?

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**ALLAH SWT says:**

*“Corruption has appeared in the land and sea for what mankind’s hands have earned, that He may make them taste some (part) of it of which they have done, in order that they may return.”*

(Surah Luqman, Verse 41)

# BEING GREEN IS PART OF OUR DEEN

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# FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH

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- Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has set the standard for us to follow.
- Islam encompasses all aspects of life.
- Our love for Allah SWT should be reflected in the way we show care and compassion for all of Allah's creation as our Prophet (SAW) taught us.

# FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH

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- Abu Hurairah (ra) narrated that the Prophet (saw) said “While man was walking along a path, he found a thorny branch of a tree on the way and removed it. Allah SWT granted him pardon for that deed and forgave him.”

# STYROFOAM IS PART OF THE PROBLEM!

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According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw out \_\_\_\_\_ styrofoam cups and take-out containers every year.



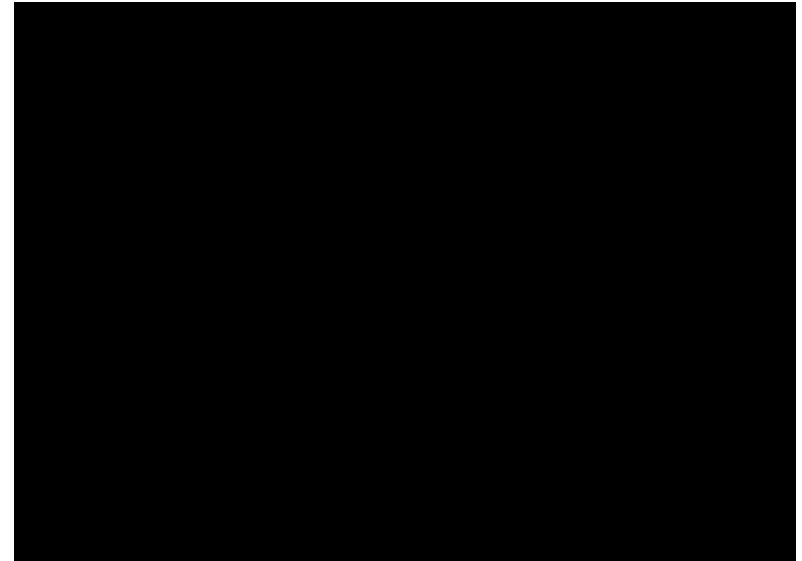


# STYROFOAM NEVER COMPLETELY BIODEGRADES

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Crystal Cove, Newport Beach



# STYROFOAM IS HARMFUL TO HUMANS

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## Microplastics found in human blood for first time!

Discovery and quantification of plastic particle pollution in human blood. Heather A. Leslie, Martin J.M. van Velzen, A. Sicco H. Brandsma, A. Dick Vethaak, Juan J. Garcia-Vallejo, Marja H. Lamoree. **Environment International**, Volume 163, May 2022)



# STYROFOAM IS HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT

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- Global warming



- Each year over \_\_\_\_\_ animals die ingesting some type of plastic including styrofoam

# ALTERNATIVES TO STYROFOAM

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## Reusable products



## Biodegradable products



# HOW CAN THE MASJID TAKE ACTION?

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- **Commit to GO GREEN!**
- **Establish a Green Committee**
- **Raise awareness AND take action**

# HOW CAN THE GREEN TEAM HELP?

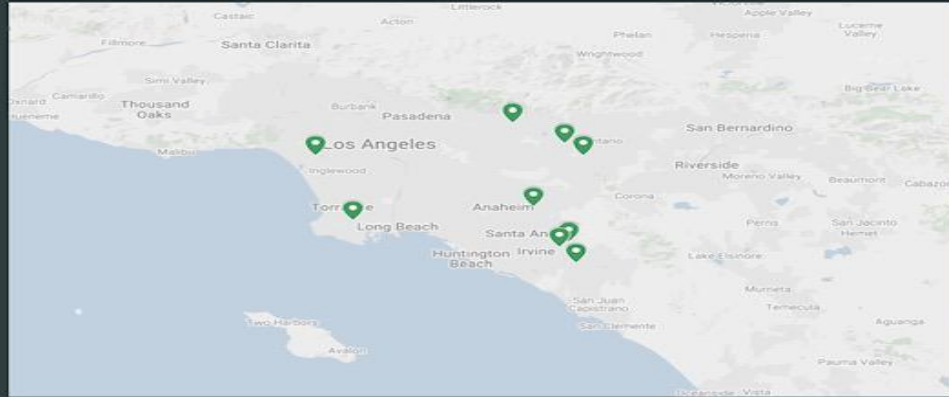
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- Green resources
- Green volunteer training
- Green reminders
- Green Funds

# TAKE THE LEAD

1. Shura Council of Southern California
2. Sabireen Masjid, Pomona
3. ICOI, Irvine
4. CVIC, Chino
5. The Majlis, Irvine
6. Darul Falah Masjid, Tustin
7. King Fahad Mosque, Culver City
8. Masjid Al-Fatiha, Azusa
9. Core Academy, Anaheim
10. ICYL, Yorba Linda
11. ICSGV, Rowland Heights

**CLICK ON THE MAP TO  
SEE WHICH MASJIDS ARE  
ON-BOARD To Go Green!**



# BE A ROLE MODEL

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# READY TO START?

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Allah says,

**'And there is no creature on [or within] the earth,  
or bird that flies with its wings, except  
[that they are] communities like you.  
We have not neglected in the Register a thing.  
Then unto their Lord they will be gathered'.**

[The Noble Qur'an, 6:38]

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