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## Cats can be eco, too

**We want only the best** for our cats (and our households). Caring for them with green products is good for the planet, pets and people. Here, certified feline specialist Drew Weigner shares some easy tips:

**Clay-free kitty litter.** Clay is stripmined (bad for the planet) and emits dust (bad for lungs). Eco-friendly litters typically are made of paper, corn, wood or other biodegradable, hypoallergenic materials.

**Biodegradable litter bags.** If you put biodegradable kitty litter in a plastic bag, it won't decompose as it should. Use bags made of compostable materials, such as the BioBag, which is made from corn.

**Fume-free flea control.** Flea bombs contain chemicals that, when trapped in your home, you breathe in. Use an oral product containing non-pesticide growth regulators (such as Program Flavor Tabs, with lufenuron). After the fleas bite Fluffy, any eggs they lay can't hatch.

**Birth control.** Neutering decreases the incidence of some diseases. It also decreases the number of stray cats (and fights) and increases the number of wild birds.