

50 Ways to Reduce Greenhouse Gases that Cause Global Climate Change

Make Changes At Home

1. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
2. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
3. Run your automatic dishwasher only with a full load and select the air-dry option.
4. Move your thermostat down two degrees in winter and up two degrees in the summer.
5. Keep your water heater thermostat no higher than 120°F and insulate it.



6. Take shorter showers or install a low-flow showerhead.
7. Turn off running water when hand-washing dishes.
8. Conduct a home energy audit to see where you are wasting energy.
9. Caulk and weather-strip your doorways and windows.
10. Use a push lawn-mower.
11. Unplug un-used electronic devices.
12. Wash your clothes in cold water and air-dry them in the summer.
13. Compost.
14. Recycle.
15. Plant a tree.



Watch How You Travel

16. Give your car a regular tune-up.
17. Drive smoothly. Don't stomp on the brakes or speed.



18. Carpool.
19. Walk or ride your bike.
20. Joining a car-sharing club.
21. Use public transportation.
22. When driving combine trips to reduce total mileage.
23. Fly less.
24. Buy carbon offsets for your car or air travel.

Watch What You Buy

25. Buy recycled products.
26. Fix things rather than replacing them.
27. Buy locally grown organic food and locally manufactured products whenever possible. Ask local stores to carry these products.
28. Buy Renewable Energy Certificates.
29. Buy a fuel efficient or hybrid car.
30. Buy products with less packaging.
31. Donate to your favorite climate change group.
32. Eat less meat.



33. Buy green power if it is available from your energy provider. If they don't have a green power option, write a letter encouraging them to provide one.



34. Buy a computer that uses less energy.

35. Buy Energy Star appliances.

36. Buy used CDs and DVDs and books. Rent them or check them out from the local library.



37. Buy clothes from thrift stores or vintage clothing shops or yard sales.

38. Purchase new clothing from makers of organic cotton and natural fiber products.

39. Buy fewer disposable products.



Get involved



40. Visit your legislator's office or invite your legislator to come to your school or church to hear your concerns about global warming.

41. Sign-up for easy on-line action alerts from a climate change group.

42. Ask your local legislators to improve your city's public transportation system and to build better sidewalks and bike lanes.



43. Write a letter to

automakers urging them to improve fuel efficiency in cars.

44. Join a local environmental club or start one at your school or church.

45. Conduct an energy audit at your school, church or workplace.

46. Start a campaign at your school, church or workplace to switch to green power.

47. Start a global warming study group.



48. Host a global climate change film-festival for your friends and family or at your school or church.

49. Organize a global climate change prayer service at your church.

50. Monitor your local newspaper for stories related to global climate change. Then, write a letter about global climate change to the editor of your local news paper.



**Make a
commitment to do
ONE THING to
make a difference**

