



Go Green!

Tips to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Replace Incandescent Light Bulbs w/ EnergyStar Bulbs. This alone can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 450 lbs per year.

Cut Down on Driving. Carpool, use public transportation or trade in your gas guzzler for a more energy-efficient car. You'll reduce your carbon footprint 1 pound for every mile you do not drive.

Adjust Your Thermostat Just 2 Degrees from What Makes You Comfortable. Two degrees down in winter; two degrees up in summer. You'll hardly notice the difference...but you'll reduce your carbon footprint by 2000 lbs. per year!

Improve Your Car's Gas Mileage. Keep your tires properly inflated. Get a tune-up. Coast up to stoplights. Stop gunning your engine. You'll reduce your carbon footprint by 20 lbs. for each gallon of gas you save.

Use a Low-Flow Shower head. The less hot water you use, the less energy is required to heat the water. If you shower everyday, this can reduce your carbon footprint up to 350 lbs. per year!

Wash Your Clothes in Cold Water. This will reduce your carbon footprint by up to 500 lbs per year.

Cut the Clutter. Buy products with less packaging. Use less paper, plastic and glass; recycle these items when you can. Reducing your garbage by just 10% can reduce your carbon footprint by 1,200 lbs per year!

Plant Trees. Trees breathe the carbon dioxide emitted by furnaces, air conditioners and cars and convert it back into oxygen-rich air for us to breathe.

Run Your Dishwasher Less. Dishwashers use an awful lot of energy. Run yours only when full. Better yet, do things the old fashioned way and wash your dishes by hand.

Buy Energy Star Appliances. Household appliances that bare the Department of Energy's EnergyStar logo have been tested and certified to meet the government's minimum energy-efficiency standards. If your appliance doesn't have the Energy-Star seal, there's a very good chance that you are wasting electricity and leaving a big carbon footprint. Visit EnergyStar.gov!

Clean and Replace Dirty Heater and Air Conditioner Filters Regularly. Dirty filters are the leading cause of furnace and air conditioner breakdown and inefficiency. A quick cleaning or replacement will greatly reduce the amount of energy it takes to run your furnace or a/c unit. Same thing for your car's air filter; you'll improve your gas mileage and your car will emit much less carbon dioxide.

Weatherize Your Home. Installing proper installation and sealing leaks and cracks in and around windows, doors, ceilings and walls will keep your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer without having to crank the heater or air conditioner as much. Consider double pane windows, too.

Buy Locally-Produced Products from Nearby Merchants. It requires much less energy to transport locally grown or manufactured products to market. And it requires less energy to drive to and from a nearby store than a far-off one. What's more, your efforts will support your local economy.

Watch Your Hot Water Heater. Keep it insulated and set the thermostat no higher than 120 degrees F.

Turn Off and Unplug Electronics. Leaving on radios, TVs and lights can produce thousands of pounds of unnecessary carbon dioxide emissions. Even devices which are off but still plugged into the wall can draw "phantom electricity" which can jack up your electric bill and contribute to your overall carbon footprint.

Buy Organic Food. Chemicals used in much of today's food production pollutes our water supply and requires much energy to produce.



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