
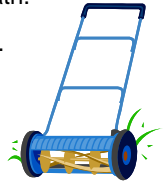






# CLIMATE CHANGE CHECK SHEET

## Fifty Actions That Reduce Greenhouse Emissions

REDUCE EMISSIONS AROUND THE HOME, WHILE SHOPPING, AT WORK & SCHOOL, IN THE CAR, IN YOUR LIFE.

- ✓ **AT HOME** 
- 1 Get a home energy audit.
  - 2 Replace incandescent with CFL light bulbs.
  - 3 Install a programmable thermostat (heat/cool).
  - 4 Set thermostat down 2° in winter, up 2° in summer.
  - 5 Clean/replace furnace and air conditioner filters.
  - 6 Choose energy efficient appliances [when replacing].
  - 7 Do not leave appliances in standby mode.
  - 8 Wrap water heater in insulation blanket.
  - 9 If airing your home, keep the heat in & the cold out.
  - 10 Replace single-glazed windows with double-glazed.
  - 11 Recycle at home, school, the office, everywhere!
  - 12 Insulate / weatherize your home.
  - 13 Cover pots when cooking.
  - 14 Use less hot water.
  - 15 Run washer / dishwasher only when full.
  - 16 Take a short shower instead of a bath.
  - 17 Dry clothes on a line when possible.
  - 18 Install a ceiling fan. 
- ✓ **IN THE YARD** 
- 19 Compost organic waste.
  - 20 Use hand tools and a push mower.
  - 21 Plant a tree; Protect and conserve forests.
- ✓ **AT WORK**
- 22 Take your lunch to work / school.
  - 23 Encourage emission reductions at work & school.
- ✓ **YOUR POLITICAL POWER**
- 24 Talk to your representatives – federal, state & local.
  - 25 Run for office/push healthy Climate Change policies.

- ✓ **AT THE STORE**
- 26 Buy locally grown and produced foods.
  - 27 Reuse shopping bags / Use cloth grocery bags.
  - 28 Buy organic foods. 
  - 29 Support local farmers' markets.
  - 30 Purchase fresh over frozen foods.
  - 31 Choose products with less packaging.
  - 32 Buy in bulk.
  - 33 Eat less meat.
- ✓ **IN THE CAR / WHEN YOU TRAVEL**
- 34 Reduce the number of miles you drive.
  - 35 Car pool to work, school or other activities.
  - 36 Keep your car well tuned.
  - 37 Drive smoothly avoiding quick starts and stops.
  - 38 Keep tires properly inflated. 
  - 39 Choose to drive fuel efficient vehicles.
  - 40 Try car sharing.
  - 41 Telecommute from home.
  - 42 Bike, skate, walk instead of driving.
  - 43 Don't idle your engine for more than half a minute.
  - 44 Avoid drive-thru windows.
  - 45 Link several errands into one trip.
  - 46 Support alternative fuels.
  - 47 Become an Eco-driver to reduce fuel use.
- ✓ **AS A CONSUMER** 
- 48 Encourage more renewable energy.
  - 49 Buy recycled products.
  - 50 Invest in responsible businesses.

*The power to use less power is in each of us!*

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