

## Twenty Actions to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Below are actions you can take to have a positive impact on the climate. Organized into 3 levels, find an action item that you can accomplish!

- [Level I](#) No Cost
- [Level II](#) Low Cost
- [Level III](#) Long-term Commitment

### Level I

**Plan vehicle trips to be efficient; use public transportation when practical**

**Keep vehicle tires properly inflated**

**Reduce, reuse, or recycle plastic, cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, etc.**

**Choose green products that favor reduced packaging and climate impact reduction**

**Air-dry dishes and clothes when possible**

**Consider showers instead of baths; use a low-flow shower head**

**Make sure air-conditioning systems and heating systems are well- maintained and filters are clean**

**Shutdown/Unplug electronic devices when not in use**

Sleeping devices such as computers and TVs continue to draw electricity even when not in use

**Get a free professional energy assessment**

Call for a free professional energy assessment for your home or business to learn what specific options you have to save money and energy and reduce carbon emissions (1-800-797-6699)

**Reduce hot water heater setting to 120 degrees F.**

### Level II

**Choose carefully among “Green Power Supply” options**

**Install a programmable thermostat**

Install a programmable thermostat and use the settings to heat and cool your house or building efficiently

**Seal drafts and air leaks in your home**

Make sure your house or building is properly insulated and that air leaks are sealed, stop drafts around doors and windows, prevent heat loss up chimneys

**Change out lights to LED bulbs**

*90% energy savings over traditional incandescent bulbs*

## **Purchase Energy Star Certified equipment and appliances**

### **Level III**

#### **“Time of Use” Electricity Meter**

Evaluate installation and use of a “Time of Use” Electricity Meter as they become available.

#### **Support smart local and regional energy policies**

Support local and regional policies that will promote transportation and energy policies to reduce our collective carbon footprint

#### **Incorporate best practices and design when building**

When planning to construct or remodel a home or building, incorporate best practices and design, as well as efficient energy systems and lighting.

#### **Consider purchasing a hybrid or electric vehicle**

#### **Consider purchasing a solar system to produce your own electricity**