



TAKE ACTION TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING

WHERE DOES GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION COME FROM?

ELECTRICITY

Burning fossil fuels (coal, natural gas) for electricity generation accounts for about one-third of U.S. global warming pollution. Coal-fired power plants are our biggest single source of greenhouse gas emissions.

TRANSPORTATION

Vehicles generate more than one-quarter of our global warming pollution. Passenger vehicles – cars, pick-ups, minivans, and SUVs – account for over 60 percent of the total, making passenger vehicles the second largest source of U.S. global warming pollution.

OTHER

Other significant sources of global warming pollution in the U.S. include burning fossil fuels for industrial use and home heating.

WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME?

Make your home more more energy-efficient.

ON THE WEB >> <http://www.energystar.gov>

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use one-quarter of the energy it takes an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. CFLs also last about 10 times longer than regular bulbs and save consumers money.
- ENERGY STAR qualified appliances use 10-50% less energy and water than standard models and save money on utility bills.
- Most homes and businesses can be 20 percent more energy-efficient if owners install better appliances, lights, insulation, and heating and air conditioning systems. These changes save money and avoid the need for new power plants.

Visit <http://www.savepower.lbl.gov> to find out how to cut your electricity consumption by 20 percent.

Use renewable power.

ON THE WEB >> <http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer>

- Renewable natural resources such as wind, geothermal, solar, and biomass can be used to make electricity free of global warming pollution.
- Many consumers have the opportunity to buy renewable power. Twenty states and the District of Columbia have enacted renewable electricity standards, ensuring that local utilities supply some renewable power to their service areas.

Go to http://www.green-e.org/your_e_choices/pyp.html to view your options.

Drive climate-friendly cars and trucks.

ON THE WEB >> <http://www.fueleconomy.gov>

- The most efficient vehicles on the road today emit less than half the global warming pollution of an average new vehicle. In some areas, climate-friendly biofuels are available.
- Ten states have adopted emissions standards that will reduce global warming pollution from new cars, SUVs, and pick-ups by about 30 percent over the next ten years.

Find out if yours is one at <http://www.calcleancars.org>.

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WHAT CAN I DO OUTSIDE MY HOME?

Offset your emissions.

- For around \$100 per year, depending on your personal energy use, you can offset the global warming pollution you generate. Your money funds climate-friendly projects like new wind farms and solar power for homes. You can sign up to offset your emissions at:
<http://www.nativeenergy.com>
<http://www.greentagsusa.org>
<http://www.cleanandgreen.us/>

Encourage more congregations to join Interfaith Power and Light.

- Interfaith Power and Light's (IPL's) goal is to help people of faith recognize and fulfill their responsibility for the stewardship of creation. Specifically, the IPL campaign is mobilizing a national religious response to global warming while promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation.
<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org>

Contact your elected officials and stay involved.

- What we do as individuals makes a big difference, but we won't be able to prevent the serious consequences of global warming without government action. State and national policymakers need to hear from people of faith. For more information on policy solutions and how to get involved contact the IPL in your state or go to:
<http://ga3.org/protectingcreation>
<http://www.stopglobalwarming.org>
http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming
<http://www.nrdc.org/globalwarming>

Study, pray, spread the word, help business leaders and elected officials understand that climate protection is a moral issue.

<http://www.theregenerationproject.org/Links.htm#faith>

Other good sites for more information.

<http://www.climatechangeeducation.org>
<http://www.climatecrisis.net>
<http://www.energystar.gov/congregations>
<http://www.nrdc.org/globalwarming>
<http://www.pewclimate.org>
http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming