

50 Things You Can Do to For Our Earth

Home & Garden	Doing	Will Do
1. Practice reducing-reusing-recycling-rotting (<i>composting</i>)	_____	_____
2. Buy green cleaning products such as non-toxic cleansers	_____	_____
3. Swap-out old appliances and buy <i>Energy Star</i> models and run them off-hours	_____	_____
4. Turn off and unplug appliances, lamps, TVs, computers, etc. when not in use	_____	_____
5. Replace incandescent and CFL light bulbs with LED bulbs	_____	_____
6. Insulate your home and install double-pane windows to prevent heat loss	_____	_____
7. Conserve water by collecting water in shower and kitchen to water your garden	_____	_____
8. Flush toilets less frequently and reduce water tank volume	_____	_____
9. Use rain barrels to collect excess water coming off your roof during storms	_____	_____
10. Use less heat in the winter and less air conditioning in the summer at home	_____	_____
11. Regularly replace old filters on heaters, dryers, and other appliances	_____	_____
12. Use bamboo wood - sequestering lots of carbon - when renovating your home	_____	_____
13. Landscape gardens with drought-resistant native plants and native trees	_____	_____
14. Reduce food waste and create a compost bin to recycle and generate new soil	_____	_____
15. Clear weeds and foliage around your house to reduce fire hazard	_____	_____
16. Plant your garden without using pesticides or herbicides	_____	_____
Energy		
17. Use a programmable thermostat to save energy when you are not at home	_____	_____
18. Purchase or lease solar panels for your rooftop to generate renewable electricity	_____	_____
19. Choose 100% renewable electricity option with your county CCE clean energy utility	_____	_____
20. Join a community solar grid if you live in an apartment or can't install solar	_____	_____
21. Install a solar water heating system in your home	_____	_____
22. Install tank-less water heaters at faucets and showers throughout your home	_____	_____
23. Purchase a home battery to save excess solar electricity generated in the daytime	_____	_____
24. Schedule a free energy audit on your home with your local utility	_____	_____
25. Convert to 100% renewable electricity at home and have gas line dismantled	_____	_____
26. Erect residential wind turbine on your property where permitted by zoning law _____	_____	_____
Travel & Lifestyle		
27. Drive less. Car pool. Walk or bike more. Use public mass transit where available	_____	_____
28. Drive a hybrid, electric, or hydrogen car to reduce or eliminate CO2 emissions	_____	_____
29. Use shared economy services such as ZipCar, Freecycle, Airbnb, Lyft, etc.	_____	_____
30. Take a "staycation" instead of a vacation in another location	_____	_____
31. Simplify your life. Simply buy less stuff	_____	_____
32. Ditch the plastic. Say NO to single use water bottles and disposable packaging	_____	_____
33. Eat less meat. Eat a more local, organic, plant-based diet. Try Meatless Mondays.	_____	_____
34. Bring reusable bags to the grocery store and use a reusable water bottle	_____	_____
Activism & Learning		
35. Encourage your church and volunteer groups to go green and purchase solar panels	_____	_____
36. Join climate activist groups such as Citizens' Climate Lobby, 350.org, Climate Reality	_____	_____
37. Use social media to alert others about the climate crisis	_____	_____
38. Write or call your local, state, national elected officials urging action on climate change	_____	_____
39. Write and submit letters or emails to editors of newspapers on climate change issues	_____	_____
40. Vote for candidates with a progressive climate change platform	_____	_____
41. Read books and articles on climate change, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience	_____	_____
42. Learn about additional climate solutions (i.e. book <i>Drawdown</i>) and inform others	_____	_____
43. Discuss climate change with your friends and family to raise awareness	_____	_____
44. Join marches and demonstrations to fight for climate justice	_____	_____
45. Consider engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience for climate change actions	_____	_____
Business		
46. Divest fossil fuel companies stocks from your portfolio	_____	_____
47. Invest in renewable energy public companies such as SunRun, SunPower, Tesla, etc.	_____	_____
48. Buy carbon offsets when traveling by plane or ship from Terrapass, etc.	_____	_____
49. Support local green businesses and ask them to stock additional green products	_____	_____
50. Join or start a green team at your workplace	_____	_____