**Climate Change Ideas**

**Tips that you can do…**

1. Continue to gather data and learn more about all sides of climate change
2. Help research by participating in “citizen scientist” programs
3. Calculate your carbon footprint, then do some of these tips.

The Nature Conservancy Carbon Footprint Calculator

https://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/index.htm

1. Save money by doing some of these tips!
2. Use mass transit, walk, bike, or even roller skate to get around when possible.
3. Maintain your car in good working order—oil changed, tires properly inflated, engine tuned—to increase fuel efficiency.
4. Drive with your wallet in mind: Accelerate slowly, reduce idling time, and unload unnecessary items from the trunk.
5. Telecommute.
6. Fly less. Hold more meetings via teleconferencing.
7. Use green power when possible. Your utility company can advise you about options.
8. Recycle more.
9. Compost. It cuts methane production in landfills and reduces the energy needed to collect trash.
10. Caulk, weatherstrip, insulate, and replace old windows.
11. Tune up your furnace.
12. Get a home energy audit, and then make some of the recommended changes.
13. Turn down your water heater to 120°F.
14. Unplug appliances when not in use, or put them on a power strip and switch it off. Many appliances draw power even when "off."
15. Buy less and make more environment-friendly purchases. For example, look for more fuel-efficient cars and items with minimal or reusable/recyclable packaging.
16. Eat less meat. Meat production uses more energy and produces more carbon than vegetable, fruit, or grain production.
17. Save water by buying water-saving appliances and toilets and installing low-flow shower heads.
18. Swap incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs.
19. Buy products with a U.S. EPA Energy Star label.
20. Cut hot water use by washing clothes in cold or warm water.
21. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads.

**Yale University Climate Opinion Poll**

**First Impression:**

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Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, Climate Opinion Maps

<http://climatecommunication.yale.edu/about/projects/yale-climate-opinion-maps/>

**Are changes occurring?  
  
  
  
How do I form my opinions?  
  
  
  
Where can I go for non-biased information?  
  
  
  
What is my plan?**