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Ten Ways to Save the Climate

- 1. Save Energy at Home**

You can save money and help the climate by reducing energy use in your home. Switching to energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs, turning down your water heater to 115F, or buying a new, efficient front-loader are ways to save.
- 2. Choose Green Electricity**

Most electricity comes from the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. In states where you can choose, choose electricity generated by wind and solar power.
- 3. Help Create a Climate Friendly Workplace**

Initiate a Green Group at work to promote recycling and energy efficiency. Look into the assistance available through the EPA's Green Lights or Climate Wise Programs. Make sure office equipment like photocopiers and computers are Energy Star compliant. Ask your employer to consider employee benefits for commuting by bicycle or mass transit.
- 4. Reduce Your Emissions from Driving**

Vehicles are among the worst sources of air pollution and greenhouse gases. The more you drive, the more you pollute. When you can, bike, walk or take public transport. And next time you buy a vehicle, consider one of the new electric/gasoline hybrids that get as much as three times as many miles to the gallon.
- 5. Recycle**

Recycling can help to save energy – if we buy recycled products, like paper with a high post-consumer recycled content. Make sure you recycle newspapers, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans and plastics. Composting non-animal food waste for the garden helps return valuable nutrients to the soil.
- 6. Educate Yourself about Global Warming**

Some Washington lobbyists spend a lot of time and money trying to confuse the climate issue. Use CA-CP's [Climate Science and Resources](#) area to get started, and find out what scientists, business people and economists are really saying.
- 7. Use Your Consumer Power**

You can make a big difference just by making informed choices about the products and services you buy. Give your trade to businesses that make an effort to protect the climate and stock climate-friendly products. Then let them, and their competitors, know why you make the choices you do.
- 8. Let Your Elected Representatives Know You Care**

Write to your elected local, state, and federal representatives and tell them that clearing the air and slowing global warming are important to you. Urge them to support actions to reduce carbon pollution, save energy and expand the use of renewable energy.
- 9. Get Involved In Your Community**

Give a talk, or invite a guest speaker to your local school, place of worship or library. Start a local initiative aimed at reducing the community's impact on climate or get the issue on the agenda for a town meeting discussion.
- 10. Support Environmental Groups Working to Slow Global Warming**

Many environmental non-profits are working to preventing a climate crisis. You can help by becoming a member, taking part in events like Earth Day or participating in letter-writing campaigns. Of course you can also support Clean Air-Cool Planet by making a tax-deductible donation.