

9 WAYS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE HOME FRONT

1. SWITCH TO GREENPOWER ELECTRICITY

Choosing renewable energy for your home will cut your emissions by up to 7 tonnes of CO₂ every year. Call your power company and ask to become a GreenPower customer.



1 kWh of electricity
=
1kg of CO₂ emissions

22% of a typical household's carbon footprint comes from their food & groceries



2. SHOP LOCAL

Local produce hasn't traveled as far to reach your dinner plate. Shop at roadside stalls and markets to reduce your emissions by hundreds of kilograms of CO₂ each year.

3. GO EASY ON THE AIR-CONDITIONER

A difference of just one degree on your AC can increase your energy related emissions by up to 10%.



Don't cool below
25°C in summer or
above 21°C in winter

Recycling one aluminum drink can saves enough energy to power a normal TV for 2 hours



4. RECYCLE MORE

Compost food waste and recycle all bottles, cans and paper to nearly halve your waste related emissions.

5. DRIVE LESS

Cut out 1 car journey a week. Walk or cycle to the shop, car pool to work, drive less aggressively.

Burning 1 litre of petrol puts 2.8kg of CO₂ into the atmosphere.



Meat production generates more greenhouse pollution than all the world's cars combined.



6. EAT LESS RED MEAT

One less serve of red meat a week will cut your greenhouse pollution by 300kg per year and save 10,000 litres of water.

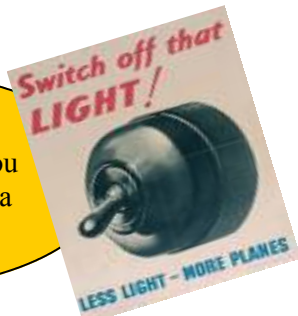
7. USE LESS HOT WATER

It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Wash clothes in warm or cold water to save about 250kg of CO₂ every year. Install a water efficient shower and save about 180kg of CO₂



Call 1300 361 967 for info on rebates for solar hot water, water tanks and insulation

Simple energy smart behaviors can save you hundreds of dollars a year on your bills.



8. IF IT BLINKS, SWITCH IT OFF

10% of household electricity use is wasted as standby power. Don't use the remote to turn off your TV, stereo and DVD. Use the **off** button & save hundreds of kilograms of CO₂ each year.

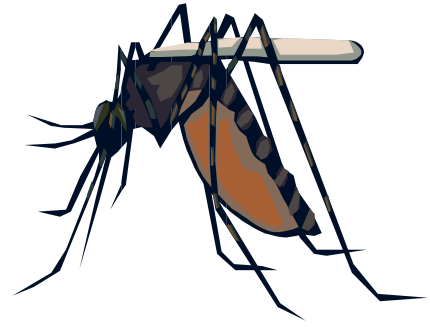
9. PLANT SOME NATIVE TREES

A single tree will absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

Australians have the highest per capita GHG emissions in the world

Simple lifestyle choices can reduce your emissions by more than 50%

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito"
- African Proverb



USEFUL WEBSITES FOR CLIMATE SMART LIVING:

Compare the **fuel efficiency** of vehicles:

- www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au

Compare the **energy efficiency** of household appliances:

- www.energyrating.gov.au

Compare the **water efficiency** of household appliances:

- www.waterrating.gov.au

Rebates for **solar hot water systems**:

- www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates
- www.greenhouse.gov.au/rebates
- www.orer.gov.au

Rebates for **insulation**:

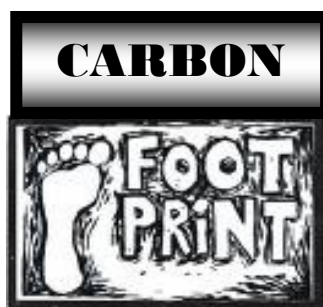
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Rebates for **rainwater tanks**:

- www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates

Rebates for **solar electricity**:

- www.greenhouse.gov.au/rebates



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