

# 15 Very Important Things to Do about Global Warming ...from the individual to the national

1. **Learn about it at:** <<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/redirect?src=http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cmb-faq/anomalies.html>>; [www.panda.org/index.cfm](http://www.panda.org/index.cfm); <<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/02/090225073215.htm>>; <[www.pewclimate.org](http://www.pewclimate.org)>; <[www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch)>; <[www.protectingcreation.org](http://www.protectingcreation.org)>; <[www.epa.gov/globalwarming](http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming)>; <<http://nature.org/initiatives/climatechange>>

2. For your next car, choose cleaner, more efficient vehicles (35 mpg or better, 60+ mpg now available in hybrid-electric models. Zero pollution Hydrogen fuel cell autos are on their way - See details at: <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcbUgaSGN6U>>.

3. Replace five or more light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) - they use 25% of energy used in incandescent light bulbs, better yet, replace with new Light Emitting Diodes (LED) bulbs that use only 10% of energy used in incandescent light bulbs, use ENERGY STAR® efficient appliances, insulate, caulk, replace old windows, etc. Old refrigerators are the most wasteful, scrap them - do not give them away.

4. Buy “green” renewable energy from your utility; install geothermal HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning), or look into solar water heaters, and other solar products to see if suitable for your situation.

5. Organize your neighborhood and town for energy efficiency.

6. Use your vote and influence as a citizen to elect responsive leaders.

7. Encourage efficient transportation in & between communities.

8. Plant trees, expand open spaces, reduce areas to be mowed and fertilized.

9. Reduce sprawl and the paving of the landscape.

10. Build for efficiency and solar power.

11. Support sustainable farming and forestry. Buy local!

12. Reduce global poverty and deforestation.

13. Develop efficient energy policy, move away from fossil fuels - see Fossil Fuels section at <<http://www.wisconsinipl.org/whatwedo.htm>>, support legislation (e.g. McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act).

14. Export new energy technology using renewable energy, support tax credit incentives for using alternative energy technology and efficient cars.

15. ...and Start doing these things yesterday!

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**\*Four Recommended Books:** (in priority order of reading)

• Speth, James Gustave. *Red Sky At Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004. Best overall update on the state of the entire planetary ecosystem and current policies.

• Kennedy, Robert F., Jr. *Crimes Against Nature*. New York: Harper Collins, 2004. Best discussion of the current environmental policy and political situation by the senior attorney of the National Resources Defense Council.

• Gelbspan, Ross. *Boiling Point: How Politicians, Big Oil and Coal, Journalists, and Activists Have Fueled the Climate Crisis—and What We Can Do to Avert Disaster*. New York: Basic Books, 2004. No holds-barred analysis climate change by this Pulitzer Prize winning author.

• Dauncey, Guy with Mazza, Patrick. *Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change*. New Society Publishers, PO Box 189, Gabriola Island, BC V0\$ 1X0, Canada, 2001, PB. What can be done from individual to global levels of action!