

11TH HOUR PROJECT

TIPS TO AFFECT THE EFFECT

lighten up

Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). CFLs use one-third the electricity of conventional bulbs for the same amount of light, and they last longer.

the phantom menace Union for Concerned Scientists

Unplug devices when not in use, and stop the phantom energy loss
65 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity a year is wasted because of devices that stay needlessly plugged in.

pump up the volume www.carcare.org/Tires_Wheels/inflation.shtml

Check the air pressure on your tires once a month
Proper inflation can improve gas mileage more than 3% when maintained regularly

b.y.o. bags www.reusablebags.com

Keep two cloth bags in the car for groceries
Reduce some of the 100 billion plastic bags and 10 billion paper bags used in the U.S. annually

give up the bottle

Pass up the plastic water bottle and carry your own travel mug
Reduce the 25 billion water bottles bought annually in the U.S. (80% of which do not get recycled)

speak up www.house.gov/writerep

Demand a responsible, renewable energy policy from elected officials
Find your House and Senate representatives at www.house.gov/writerep and let them know you care about energy policy

get with the program www.aceee.org

Buy a programmable thermostat and save \$100 on your energy bill
Programmable thermostats will automatically adjust the heat or air conditioning at night and raise them in the morning.

planet organic <http://www.energybulletin.net/5045.html>

Organic food requires 80% less energy to grow than conventional food
Petroleum-based fertilizers & pesticides are not used on organic foods, decreasing energy use.

another new toy?

www.ban.org

Recycle old computers & phones

Go to www.ban.org/pledge1.html to find reputable e-recyclers

revive clothespins

Use a clothesline instead of a dryer whenever possible.

Save 700 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by air drying your clothes for 6 months out of the year.

home sweet home

Insulate and weatherize your house

Properly insulating walls, caulking and weather-stripping can cut 25% off your heating bill and 4,000 pounds of CO₂.

think global-buy local

Shop farmers' markets and buy foods produced locally when possible

The average meal in travels 1,200 miles from farm to plate. Buying locally saves fuel and keeps money in your community

saved by zero

www.terrapass.com

Get your carbon emissions to zero

Purchase carbon offsets for your car & air travel and reduce your carbon footprint to zero. Go to www.terrapass.com

one man's junk...

www.freecycle.org

Find a home for your trash before you get rid of it

Post your old furniture, dishes, computers, clothes, etc on www.freecycle.org before throwing it out.