

TEN ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO LESSEN THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Educate those around you about the possibilities of carbon-utilization technologies.

You do not need to be an authority on climate science or policy to communicate the urgent need for climate action. Simply talking about it sends a message of seriousness that is effective in itself.

2. Vote in favor of climate-change mitigation.

This is arguably the most important step that a citizen can take. Government commitment to achieving national and regional emission targets is critical.

3. Write to your elected representatives, urging them to support and commit to emission-reduction strategies in your community.

These can include investing in public transportation infrastructure, implementing pollution pricing schemes, and creating policy to support renewable sources and carbon-negative technologies.

4. Read more about the carbon footprint associated with various products and activities.

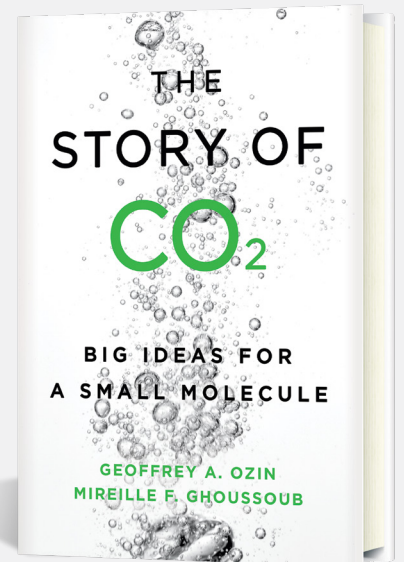
Did you know, for example, that bananas are one of the most carbon-friendly foods? Keeping informed of the impact of our daily lives on our planet can lead to widespread changes in consumer attitudes.

5. Invest in carbon-neutral and carbon-negative technologies.

Many companies based on renewable-energy and carbon-negative technologies have appeared on the scene in recent years, and supporting their entry to market is key to ensuring their success.

6. Eat less red meat.

You do not need to become vegan to have an impact on the planet. Reducing meat consumption alone is one of the highest-impact actions that individuals can take to reduce their carbon footprint.



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The Story of CO₂ offers an important contribution to the climate crisis debate by highlighting how we can utilize carbon dioxide as a resource.

7. Travel carbon consciously.

Walking, cycling, and public transit are ideal choices for commuters. If a motor vehicle is necessary to your lifestyle, switching to a more energy-efficient engine and choosing to carpool are effective strategies for reducing your carbon footprint.

8. Assess energy consumption in your home.

Be mindful of your lighting and thermostat habits and check to ensure that all your home appliances are running efficiently.

9. Reduce consumption wherever possible.

Remember that your use of a product comprises just a small fraction of the carbon emissions associated with its full life span. So, be mindful of the everyday products that you purchase and consume, and remember that individual action begets collective action.

10. Support evidence-based decision-making.

Many existing networks are doing great work in lobbying government and policymakers to turn to science to help create effective climate policy. For more information, visit:

Evidence for Democracy (Canada)
evidencefordemocracy.ca

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ucsusa.org

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