## 50 Things You Can Do to Fight Climate Change

|     | Home & Garden   | <u>Doing</u> | Will Do |
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| 1.  | Practice reducing-reusing-recycling-rotting (composting)  |              |         |
| 2.  | Buy green cleaning products such as non-toxic cleansers   |              |         |
| 3.  | Swap-out old appliances and buy Energy Star models and run them off-hours   |              |         |
| 4.  | Turn off and unplug appliances, lamps, TVs, computers, etc. when not in use   |              |         |
| 5.  | Replace incandescent and CFL light bulbs with LED bulbs   |              |         |
| 6.  | Insulate your home and install double-pane windows to prevent heat loss   |              |         |
| 7.  | Conserve water by collecting water in shower and kitchen to water your garden   |              |         |
| 8.  | Flush toilets less frequently and reduce water tank volume  |              |         |
| 9.  | Use rain barrels to collect excess water coming off your roof during storms   |              |         |
| 10. | Use less heat in the winter and less air conditioning in the summer at home   |              |         |
| 11. | Regularly replace old filters on heaters, dryers, and other appliances  |              |         |
| 12. | Use bamboo wood - sequestering lots of carbon - when renovating your home   |              |         |
| 13. | Landscape gardens with drought-resistant native plants and native trees   |              |         |
| 14. | Reduce food waste and create a compost bin to recycle and generate new soil   |              |         |
| 15. | Clear weeds and foliage around your house to reduce fire hazard   |              |         |
| 16. | Plant your garden without using pesticides or herbicides  |              |         |
|     | Energy  |              |         |
| 17  | Use a programmable thermostat to save energy when you are not at home   |              |         |
|     | Purchase or lease solar panels for your rooftop to generate renewable electricity   |              |         |
|     | Choose 100% renewable electricity option with your county CCE clean energy utility  |              |         |
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|     | Join a community solar grid if you live in an apartment or can't install solar  |              |         |
|     | Install a solar water heating system in your home   |              |         |
|     | Install tank-less water heaters at faucets and showers throughout your home Purchase a home battery to save excess solar electricity generated in the daytime |              |         |
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|     | Schedule a free energy audit on your home with your local utility   |              |         |
|     | Convert to 100% renewable electricity at home and have gas line dismantled  |              |         |
| 26. | Erect residential wind turbine on your property where permitted by zoning law   |              |         |
|     | Travel & Lifestyle  |              |         |
|     | Drive less. Car pool. Walk or bike more. Use public mass transit where available  |              |         |
|     | Drive a hybrid, electric, or hydrogen car to reduce or eliminate CO2 emissions  |              |         |
|     | Use shared economy services such as ZipCar, Freecycle, Airbnb, Lyft, etc.   |              |         |
| 30. | Take a "staycation" instead of a vacation in another location   |              |         |
| 31. | Simplify your life. Simply buy less stuff   |              |         |
| 32. | Ditch the plastic. Say NO to single use water bottles and disposable packaging  |              |         |
|     | Eat less meat. Eat a more local, organic, plant-based diet. Try Meatless Mondays.   |              |         |
| 34. | Bring reusable bags to the grocery store and use a reusable water bottle  |              |         |
|     | Activism & Learning   |              |         |
| 35. | Encourage your church and volunteer groups to go green and purchase solar panels  |              |         |
|     | Join climate activist groups such as Citizens' Climate Lobby, 350.org, Climate Reality  |              |         |
|     | Use social media to alert others about the climate crisis   |              |         |
|     | Write or call your local, state, national elected officials urging action on climate change   |              |         |
|     | Write and submit letters or emails to editors of newspapers on climate change issues  |              |         |
|     | Vote for candidates with a progressive climate change platform  |              |         |
|     | Read books and articles on climate change, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience   |              |         |
|     | Learn about additional climate solutions (i.e. book <u>Drawdown</u> ) and inform others   |              |         |
|     | Discuss climate change with your friends and family to raise awareness  |              |         |
|     | Join marches and demonstrations to fight for climate justice  |              |         |
|     | Consider engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience for climate change actions   |              |         |
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|     | Business  |              |         |
|     | Divest fossil fuel companies stocks from your portfolio   |              |         |
|     | Invest in renewable energy public companies such as SunRun, SunPower, Tesla, etc.   |              |         |
|     | Buy carbon offsets when traveling by plane or ship from Terrapass, etc.   |              |         |
|     | Support local green businesses and ask them to stock additional green products  |              |         |
| 50. | Join or start a green team at your workplace  |              |         |

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