



Climate Action Inspiration & Examples

POLITICAL

Vote Climate - Politicians listen to voters. Politicians want to win elections, and if environmental issues are a priority for voters, they will be a priority for policymakers. Vote for climate action every election.

Be an Activist - Join a local school strike, action, or activist group- if you can't find a group, organize in your community, at your school, workplace, or in your place of faith (church, synagogue, mosque, etc.). Showing up is half the battle so put on your sneakers, grab your family and friends, and participate in local activities.

Contact Your Representatives - One of the most powerful political actions you can take is to contact your elected officials directly- so pick up the phone, send them an email, or schedule a meeting. Whether in city hall, your state capitol, or DC, your elected officials work for you and their job is to listen to you. Tell them what you care about and why. Then ask them what they plan to do about it.

SOCIAL

Talk Climate - Telling your own personal story- not a political article or a research study filled with data- is the best communication tool at your disposal. Your friends and family trust you- talk to them about why you care about climate change.

Volunteer - Choose an organization whose purpose speaks to you and has volunteer opportunities. If they don't have any volunteer opportunities listed, contact the organization, and offer your help. Volunteering is a great hands-on way to get involved in climate action.

Lead - Start a new organization, green your business, create an environmental team in your workplace, educate about climate in your classroom, start a community organization, build cultural awareness through creative practices, volunteer your time and talent

PERSONAL ACTIONS

Go Renewable - Getting your energy from wind and solar are among the most effective personal actions for reducing your own carbon footprint. Install solar panels on your rooftop or buy renewable energy credits from your energy service provider.

Eat More Plants - One of the top recommendations for lowering your own greenhouse gas emissions is to eat less meat (especially beef and lamb) or become vegetarian or vegan. Other smart food choices include composting, reducing food waste, buying local and seasonal food, bringing your own water bottle or mug, and reducing packaging.

Use Low/No Carbon Transit/Fly Less - There are many low-carbon and no-carbon transportation options including biking, walking, and taking public transportation. In places where this is not possible, consider carpooling or purchasing a more energy-efficient or electric vehicle. If and when possible, consider alternatives for flying for work and vacation. Some alternatives include remote presentations, travel by train or bus for shorter distances, and more local vacations.

Consume Less - Support businesses, products, and services that work to reduce their energy and waste. Start by buying environmentally friendly products, buying local and/or secondhand. Take it a step further by buying less and getting items repaired, Get inspired by the Zero-Waste movement, The Minimalists, and the 10-Item Clothing Challenge.

Be Efficient - Use less energy in your home. Get a home energy audit. Lower your heat. Purchase smart appliances. Buy a Nest Thermostat. Switch to LED lighting. Insulate your home. Unplug your devices.

Divest, Invest - Divest from fossil fuels; invest in renewable energy. Organize or join an existing campaign to divest from fossil fuels in your church, school, community, workplace, union, local government. Invest in renewable energy and support bold renewable energy laws and carbon reduction goals/requirements in your state, city, or town.