



GLOBAL WARMING

With a few small actions you can make a significant difference

Action		Kg of Carbon saved per year
1	Turn off electric appliances when they're not in use – don't leave them in 'stand-by' mode	440
2	Shift to GreenPower www.greenpower.gov.au	5,300
3	Use a clothesline instead of a dryer when possible	640
4	Plant a native tree	2,270
5	Wrap an insulation blanket around your water heater	455
6	Wash clothes in warm or cold water, not hot	160
7	Turn off 5 lights in hallways and rooms when you're not in them	400
8	Run your washing machine only when its full	45
9	Run your dishwasher only with a full load	90
10	Replace 3 frequently used light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Bulbs	135
11	Turn off your mobile phone charger when it isn't charging	8
12	Let hot food cool down before putting it into the fridge	6
13	Use a reusable bag every time you go shopping	8
14	Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth	3
15	Keep the tyres on your car fully inflated – check monthly	365

16	Keep the air filter in your car clean – check monthly	365
17	Turn off or fix dripping taps	20
18	Clean the air filter in your air conditioner	160
19	Keep your water heater thermostat no higher than 50°C	225
20	Take shorter showers	160
21	Reduce your garbage by 25% (by buying products with less packaging, buying reusable items instead of disposable ones, recycling your paper, plastics and glass)	455
22	Use less hot water by installing a low flow showerhead	160
23	Caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors to prevent air leaks	300
24	Whenever possible, walk, bike or use mass transit (based on saving 2.5kg per litre of petrol, and saving 2 litres per week)	260
25	Start a carpool with your co-workers or friends (based on sharing a ride 2 days a week)	720
TOTAL:		13,150 Kg

The small changes listed above will not only help the environment but will also save you money. If you were to take all the actions above you would not only prevent over 13 tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually but also save over \$2,000 per year.

Thousands of species and their habitats are now seriously threatened by the warming of the Earth. The Commonwealth Government must do all that it can to mitigate the effects of climate change upon our unique biological diversity.

Please write to The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP, Minister for Environment and Water Resources, c/o Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2601, urging that he allocate significant resources and give high priority to the implementation of the “National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan”. *(Please send us your replies – Humane Society International, PO Box 439, Avalon, NSW, 2107)*

Please write to The Honourable John Howard MP, Prime Minister, c/o Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2601, urging that his Government ratify the Kyoto Protocol immediately. *(Please send us your replies - Humane Society International, PO Box 439, Avalon, NSW, 2107)*

Useful links:

www.greenpower.gov.au
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