

Climate Change Action Plan

Think globally, act locally with the Wildlife Trusts' guide to low-carbon living.

HOME	Tick box		Tick box
1. Have an energy efficiency survey		1. Only buy what you need Everything you buy takes energy to manufacture	
2. Insulate your walls and lofts		2. Buy local food It cuts down on transport costs and helps local farmers	
3. Install a high-efficiency boiler		3. Say no to plastics and packaging	
4. Choose efficient appliances Look for energy efficiency labels.		4. Develop a taste for second-hand bargains	
5. Turn down the thermostat Wear a jumper instead		LEISURE	
6. Switch to a renewable energy supplier		1. Reduce your air-miles	
7. Fit energy-saving light bulbs		2. Be a green gardener Compost what you can. Avoid hard surfaces	
8. Make 'off' mean off After all, what is your TV, VCR, computer, etc., on standby for?		3. Stay sane at Christmas Re-use wrapping.	
9. Conserve water Don't leave taps running. Shower rather than have a bath		4. Do a green workout Volunteer for a strenuous project with the Wildlife Trust.	
10. Slim your bin Compost or recycle as much as you can		WORK	
TRANSPORT		1. Cover the basics Get a free energy audit. Use energy efficient vehicles.	
2. Walk or cycle for short trips		2. Take responsibility for heating and air conditioning Switch off heating when the office is closed.	
3. Use public transport where you can		3. Switch off surplus computers, equipment and lights	
4. Drive smoothly and gently		4. Recycle printer cartridges	
5. Plan ahead Choose uncongested routes and give others a lift		6. Only print what you need, on both sides	
6. Keep it serviced Keep your car serviced for efficiency		<p>If you can tick off most of these boxes, you will be well on the way to a low-carbon lifestyle.</p> <p>Printed in Natural World – Summer 2005. The Wildlife Trusts' goal is an environment richer in wildlife for everyone.</p> <p>Durham County Badger Group 2014</p>	
7. Drive on, switch off Drive as soon as the engine's running. Switch off when stationary.			
8. Choose the most fuel-efficient car you can			

How else can I help the planet? Make some notes on this page. It might be useful for New Year's Resolutions.