

15 Things Everyone Can Do to Fight Climate Change and Protect Our Environment

1. Contact your local, state and national legislators to voice your concerns about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Tell your State Legislators to support:
 - Community Solar Bills: Senate Bill 153 and 152
<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-SB-0153>
<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-SB-0152>
 - Other bills implementing the Governor's MI Healthy Climate Plan
<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/climate-and-energy/mi-healthy-climate-plan>
3. Go solar (put up your own panels or buy shares in community solar.)
4. Plant a Tree; Support the Federal FOREST ACT:
<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/forest-act/>
5. Participate in "No Mow May;" plant a rain garden—learn how through Wild Ones
<https://wildones.org/chapters/michigan/>
6. RECYCLE and COMPOST. Tell your local government to start recycling and composting programs to save our land and reduce energy consumption.
7. Support local farmers by buying local as much as you can. Reduce your consumption of meat.
8. Invest your money in **Green Banks and Green Investment Funds**.
9. Drive less—walk, bike, use mass transportation; if you must drive, use a budget electric vehicle. According to the *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks 1990–2020*... transportation accounted for the largest portion (27%) of total U.S. GHG emissions in 2020. Also, fly less.
10. **Say no to bottled water. It uses lots of oil and costs you \$\$.** That [bottle of water](#) is up to 2,000 times more energy intensive than just turning on the tap.
11. **Change your Toilet paper.** The estimate is that about 2 million trees are cut down a year for toilet paper. Here's the link <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/issue-with-tissue-2022-scorecard.pdf>
12. Follow EGLE's 13 ways to contribute to Clean Water
<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/newsroom/mi-environment/2023/04/20/this-earth-day-celebrate-the-year-of-clean-water>
13. Lower your thermostat 1 to 3 degrees in winter and stop using air conditioning in the summer; install a heat pump to warm and cool your home.
14. Join and donate to organizations that fight for a clean future.
15. Talk about climate change and environmental solutions with friends and family.

**IT IS LATE, BUT NOT TOO LATE!
THERE ARE GOOD OPTIONS AND GREAT URGENCY TO EMBRACE THEM!**