

CLIMATE CHANGE CHECK SHEET

Fifty Actions That Reduce Greenhouse Emissions

REDUCE EMISSIONS AROUND THE HOME, WHILE SHOPPING, AT WORK & SCHOOL, IN THE CAR, IN YOUR LIFE.

1		AT HOME	✓		AT THE STORE
	1	Get a home energy audit.		26	Buy locally grown and produced foods.
	2	Replace incandescent with CFL light bulbs.		27	Reuse shopping bags / Use cloth grocery bags.
	3	Install a programmable thermostat (heat/cool).		28	Buy organic foods.
	4	Set thermostat down 2° in winter, up 2° in summer.		29	Support local farmers' markets.
	5	Clean/replace furnace and air conditioner filters.		30	Purchase fresh over frozen foods.
	6	Choose energy efficient appliances [when replacing].		31	Choose products with less packaging.
	7	Do not leave appliances in standby mode.		32	Buy in bulk.
	8	Wrap water heater in insulation blanket.		33	Eat less meat.
	9	If airing your home, keep the heat in & the cold out.	✓		IN THE CAR / WHEN YOU TRAVEL
	10	Replace single-glazed windows with double-glazed.		34	Reduce the number of miles you drive.
	11	Recycle at home, school, the office, everywhere!		35	Car pool to work, school or other activities.
	12	Insulate / weatherize your home.		36	Keep your car well tuned.
	13	Cover pots when cooking.		37	Drive smoothly avoiding quick starts and stops.
	14	Use less hot water.		38	Keep tires properly inflated.
	15	Run washer / dishwasher only when full.		39	Choose to drive fuel efficient vehicles.
	16	Take a short shower instead of a bath.	Ð	40	Try car sharing.
	17	Dry clothes on a line when possible.		41	Telecommute from home.
	18	Install a ceiling fan.		42	Bike, skate, walk instead of driving.
✓		IN THE YARD		43	Don't idle your engine for more than half a minute.
	19	Compost organic waste.		44	Avoid drive-thru windows.
	20	Use hand tools and a push mower.		45	Link several errands into one trip.
	21	Plant a tree; Protect and conserve forests.		46	Support alternative fuels.
1		AT WORK		47	Become an Eco-driver to reduce fuel use.
	22	Take your lunch to work / school.	1	•	AS A CONSUMER
	23	Encourage emission reductions at work & school.		48	Encourage more renewable energy.
✓		YOUR POLITICAL POWER		49	Buy recycled products.
	24	Talk to your representatives – federal, state & local.		50	Invest in responsible businesses.
	25 Run for office/push healthy Climate Change policies. The power to use less pow			power to use less power is in each of us!	

For additional information about climate change, go to:

www.michigan.gov/deq



Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Dan Wyant, Director

Rick Snyder, Governor May 2011