



Creation Care Resources

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Read About Climate Change

- “How do we know climate change is real?” <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>
- “Why Global Temperatures Matter” <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/2878/a-degree-of-concern-why-global-temperatures-matter> (scroll down to graphic visualizations)
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th Assessment Report: “Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability.” <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>
- “Talking to your child about climate change” <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/talking-your-child-about-climate-change>

What You Can Do Now About Climate Change

WATER

- **Use water efficiently at home at no-to-low cost.** Turn off running faucets, run your clothes washer with a full load using cold water, and use your [ENERGY STAR certified dishwasher](#) instead of washing dishes by hand to save both energy and water.
- **Look for the [WaterSense](#) label** and the [ENERGY STAR label](#) on dishwashers and clothes washers when purchasing new products to save water, energy, and money.
- **Check for water leaks** in your home and workplace. Did you know a leaky toilet can waste [200 gallons of water per day](#)? Luckily, leaks from toilets, faucets, and pipes are often easy to [detect and fix](#).
- **Have a water-smart landscape** by designing a landscape suitable to your climate, choosing drought-resistant plants, and learning when and how much to [water](#). See EPA's [Water-Smart Landscape guide](#) for more tips.
- **Consider installing low-flow showerheads.** Not only do they save energy and money, but you can take them with you when you move.
- **Take shorter showers.** Cutting your shower time by even a minute can help save gallons of water.



WASTE

- **Think green before you shop.** Reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions by thinking about the environmental impact of products. For example, consider a product's durability, sustainability, and ease of recycling when making a purchase.
- **Reduce your food waste** by shopping smart, buying only what you need, [composting](#) food scraps, and donating unused food to food banks or shelters. Food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills, where it emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.
- **Reuse or repurpose items** such as old clothing, cloth grocery bags, and containers to cut down on the amount of waste you create in the first place. Find out more ways to [reduce your impact](#).
- **Buy used items** to reduce waste as well as the emissions created by producing new materials or disposing of them in landfills. [Donate](#) your old items to make sure others can reuse them, too!
- **Buy products made with recycled content.** Check labels to see if a product or its packaging is made from recycled content.
- **Know before you throw.** Know what items [your local recycling program](#) [collects](#) and encourage your household to [recycle right and recycle more](#).
- **Learn about** what else [you can do](#) at home, at school, at work, and in your community.

SEE MORE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE AT

More action step resources for individuals, families, and parishes:



Home Loving Formation Liberating Advocacy Life-Giving Conservation

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned for the global climate emergency, drawing on diverse approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/resources/>

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Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home

Welcome to the Carbon Tracker:

[A web-based learning and climate advocacy platform
sustainislandhome.org](https://www.dioical.org/resource/eco-justice/carbon-tracker/)

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GREAT
HOUSEHOLD
RESOURCE!



Act Now

<https://www.un.org/actnow>

Start with ten impactful actions

Our lifestyles have a profound impact on our planet. Our choices matter. Around two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions are linked to private households. The energy, food, and transport sectors each contribute about 20 per cent of lifestyle emissions. From the electricity we use, to the food we eat, the way we travel, and the things we buy, we can make a difference. Take a look at the [action guide](#) and start with these **ten actions** to help tackle the climate crisis.

For more tips, and to log your actions, [download the app](#).



Save energy at home



Walk, bike, or take public transport



Eat more vegetables



Consider your travel



Throw away less food



Reduce, reuse, repair, recycle



Change your home's source of energy



Switch to an electric vehicle



Make your money count



Speak up

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