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- Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and compost everywhere
- Change light bulbs in your home to LED
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use
- Sign up for renewable energy from your utility (ex. Windsource® from Xcel Energy) or invest in a renewable energy project
- Turn heat down (cooler) and AC up (warmer) 1-2 degrees
- Have a home energy audit – implement recommendations
- Electrify and make your home more energy efficient
- Use water wisely in your home (wash clothes with cold water)
- Install rain gardens, rain barrels and pollinator friendly plants
- Eat local and lower on the food chain (more plant based) and avoid food waste
- Seek opportunities for active transportation (bike, walk, public transportation)
- Encourage ride sharing for training, races and events
- Purchase carbon offsets when you need to travel
- Talk climate - Share what you are doing with your family, neighbors and friends
- Engage your community in actions on climate solutions
- Talk to your local elected officials about climate friendly policies (and vote)
- Call your state and national legislators to take action on climate change

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[www.globalweirdingseries.com](http://www.globalweirdingseries.com) (Dr. Hayhoe)

## SAVE ENERGY / MEASURE YOUR FOOTPRINT

[www.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator](http://www.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator)  
[www.mncee.org](http://www.mncee.org) (Home Energy Squad Visit)  
[www.my.xcelenergy.com](http://www.my.xcelenergy.com)  
[www.rewiringamerica.org](http://www.rewiringamerica.org) (electrify)

## CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

[www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

[www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org) (CERTS)  
[www.cooperativeenergyfutures.com](http://www.cooperativeenergyfutures.com) (Community Solar)  
[www.mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/renewable](http://www.mn.my.xcelenergy.com/s/renewable)

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[www.terrapass.com](http://www.terrapass.com)  
[www.ucapture.com](http://www.ucapture.com)  
[www.climatestewardsusa.org](http://www.climatestewardsusa.org)  
[www.birkie.com/live/birkie-green](http://www.birkie.com/live/birkie-green) ([www.climecogreen.com](http://www.climecogreen.com))



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## SAVING SNOW DOCUMENTARY

[www.bit.ly/SavingSnowFilm](http://www.bit.ly/SavingSnowFilm)

## RECYCLE & REUSE

[www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide](http://www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide)  
[www.terracycle.com/en-US](http://www.terracycle.com/en-US)  
[www.ridwell.com](http://www.ridwell.com)

## ECO-FRIENDLY YARD

[www.bluethumb.org](http://www.bluethumb.org)  
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