

## Simple Steps to Get Started

*Check off what you are doing and start something new...*

- Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and compost everywhere
- Change the most used 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 and AC up 1-2 degrees
- Have a home energy audit – implement recommendations
- Use water wisely in your home (wash 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
- Join or start a local Citizens' Climate Lobby chapter ([www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org))

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[www.skepticalscience.com](http://www.skepticalscience.com)

## FINDING COMMON GROUND

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[www.better-angels.org](http://www.better-angels.org)  
[www.livingroomconversations.org](http://www.livingroomconversations.org)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

[www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org) (CERTS)  
[www.mn.gov/solarapp](http://www.mn.gov/solarapp)  
[www.cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org](http://www.cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org)

## CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

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## RECYCLING

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

## ECO-FRIENDLY YARD

[www.bluethumb.org](http://www.bluethumb.org)  
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### SAVING SNOW MOVIE

[www.adaptationnow.com/saving-snow](http://www.adaptationnow.com/saving-snow)

### SAVING ENERGY

[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.myaccount.xcelenergy.com](http://www.myaccount.xcelenergy.com)  
[www.ecochallenge.org](http://www.ecochallenge.org)

### CARBON OFFSETS

[www.terrapass.com](http://www.terrapass.com)  
[www.ucapture.com](http://www.ucapture.com)  
[www.climatestewards.org](http://www.climatestewards.org)  
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[www.myaccount.xcelenergy.com](http://www.myaccount.xcelenergy.com)  
[www.ecochallenge.org](http://www.ecochallenge.org)

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