



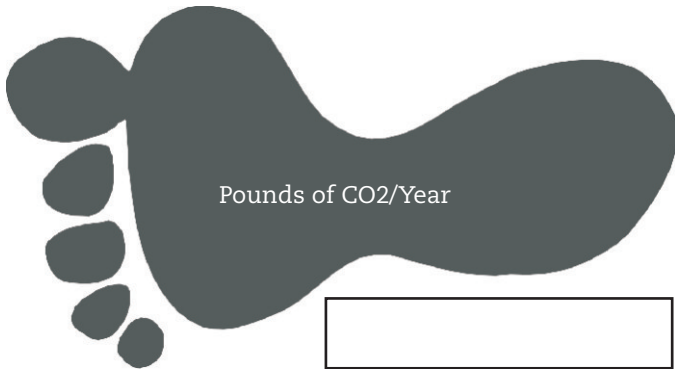
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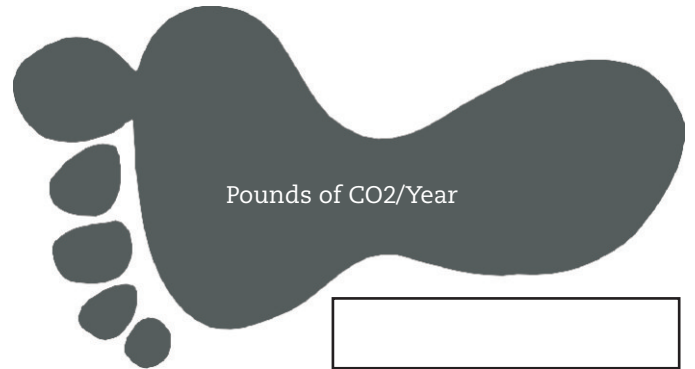
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Change to Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Replacing one traditional light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb that uses 66 percent less energy will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

Adjust Your Thermostat

Moving your thermostat down just 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer can save 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

Use Less Hot Water

It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Install a low-flow showerhead and wash your clothes in cold or warm water to save 850 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Avoid Products with Excessive Packaging

You can save 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide if you cut down your garbage by 10 percent.

Recycle More

You can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste. When making a purchase, consider products made with recycled materials or look for products that can be used more than once.

Turn Off Electronic Devices

If you're not using it, turn it off or unplug it. Turning off your TV, computer and other electronics can save thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

Drive Less

Carpool, take mass transit, walk or bike. You'll save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive.

Check Your Tires

Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by more than 3 percent. Every gallon of gas saved keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

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