

## Green Action Plan

	<b>Note: Top ten gets you almost to zero energy</b>	goal	done
<b>1</b>	<b>Get an energy audit and then take action such as:</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Weather-stripping and caulking windows &amp; doors</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Adding insulation to the attic</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Installing reflective window film</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Replacing incandescent bulbs with LEDs</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Installing a programmable thermostat</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Installing a solar hot water system</b>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Installing solar (PV) panels on your roof</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Shifting to wind energy for rest of energy needs</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Getting a 100% electric or plug-in hybrid car</b>		
	<b>Ways to save even more water, energy and money</b>		
11	Ride a bike instead of riding in car		
12	Switch off lights when leaving a room		
13	Turn off appliances when not used		
14	Start composting		
15	Plant a garden		
16	Switch to electric lawnmower		
17	Put water barrels at corners of house		
18	Get a clothesline and start using it		
19	Buy energy star appliances		
20	Carpool if possible for kids to events & adults to work		
21	Use public transportation instead of driving		
22	Take shorter showers		
23	Turn down the water heater to 120° or less		
24	Clean or replace home air filters		
25	Plant trees to get to net energy use below zero		
26	Take a “Staycation” instead of a vacation		
27	Take family bike rides		
28	Start a walking school bus if possible		
29	Recycle everything possible		
30	Shift from bottled water to filtered		
31	Eat less meat		
32	Join the Green Team at school		
33	Join environmental groups in your community		

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	Additional actions	goal	done
34	Cancel junk mail		
35	Defrost older fridge and freezer (and buy Energystar)		
36	Wash clothes in cold water		
37	Use shades and blinds to regulate room temperature		
38	Wear a sweater if too cool, don't just turn up the heat		
39	Turn off computer/printer when not in use		
40	Grownups see if it is feasible to work from home		
41	Use recycled paper for home office		
42	Print double sided		
43	Get a foot pedal for kitchen sink (if kids can reach it too)		
44	Put flow restrictors on faucets		
45	Drive at speed limit to save gas (don't speed)		
46	No "jack rabbit starts" and no sitting and idling in car		
47	Take excess weight and roof rack out of the car		
48	Do car maintenance and check tires often		
49	Buy local produce or raise your own		
50	Join a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program		
51	Buy US made or locally made products		
52	Buy food and other products with less packaging		
53	Don't accept throwaway bags, bring reusable bags		
54	Contact elected officials about voting for sustainability		
55	Write letter to the editor about sustainability		
56	Put bottle filled with pebbles and water in toilet tank		
57	Get a blanket for the water heater to retain heat		
58	Install radiant barrier in the attic		
59	Get a reflective roof when it is time to replace the roof		
60	Check attic ridge vents, make sure they are open		
61	Cook at home more and eat out less (esp. fast food)		
62	Learn to love leftovers (40% of food is wasted in USA)		
63	Don't use pesticides or herbicides unnecessarily		
64	Volunteer to clean up streams and ponds		
65	Don't toss toxic stuff like batteries or paint in the trash		