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QUESTION/ENGAGEMENT

Dépôt des pages du site Internet de Green Peace pour inciter la substitution à passer au gaz naturel

RÉPONSE

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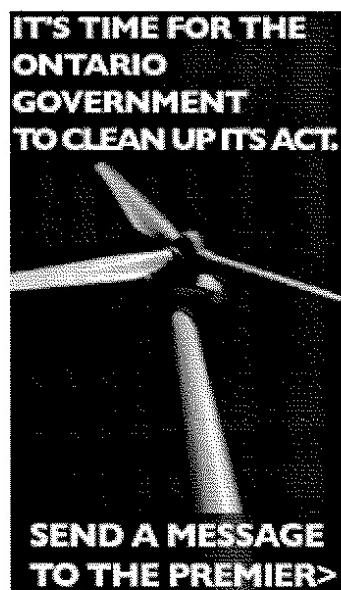
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What you can do to help stop global warming

Cutting down on greenhouse gases takes planning. And everyone, governments, industry, and individuals, needs to do their part. The things individuals can do on their own may seem small, but they add up. If thousands of individuals start making small changes in our lives, it can make a big difference. Not only that, it's a great way of letting politicians and business leaders know we really care. Here are just a few things we can all do to fight climate change.

1. [Insulate your home.](#)
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3. [Encourage your local electricity company to clean up its act](#)
4. [Invest in or use renewable energy](#)
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1) Save energy in your home by insulating against heat loss. There is some expense at the outset, but you'll be saving money in no time. To find a company that will help you make your home more energy efficient:

- In Ontario, go to www.greensaver.org
- In B.C., Alberta, and Manitoba, go to www.homeperformance.com.
- In the rest of the country, go to www.gca.ca/GCAMembers.html

2) Try to remember to use less electricity in your home.

Turn down the thermostat at night. Use your air conditioner only when you really need it. Turn out the lights when you aren't using them. A lot of electricity is wasted just because we don't stop to think about it. Without dramatically altering your life, you can save money while you fight climate change.

3) Encourage your local electricity company to clean up its act.

Find out where the electricity in your community comes from. If your local electricity company burns coal-let them know you don't appreciate the threat

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to your health. Urge them to convert to natural gas, or, better still, to use renewable forms of energy as much as possible.

4) Invest in or use renewable energy.

If there is a renewable energy company in your area, become a customer or an investor. You may be able to find one at www.newenergy.org.

5) If you are buying a car, ask about fuel efficiency before you buy.

Avoid SUVs. Consider buying an electric or hybrid electric car. To find out how much pollution your present car is emitting, check out the Environmental Defense Fund's Tailpipe Tally at <http://209.10.107.169/tailpipetally/>.

Before buying a new car, go to www.epa.gov/autoemissions. The American Environmental Protection Agency provides an emissions ranking of all major manufacturer's cars, trucks, and SUV's. Helpful information can also be found at www.greenercars.com, the web site of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy.

6) Leave your car at home just once.

Walk, bike, or take transit. You might even enjoy it! You might even enjoy it so much that you try it again tomorrow. The more you get out of the habit of driving, the more you'll like it. You'll lose weight. You'll save money. You'll read more (if you take transit). You'll have less stress in your life. And you'll be saving the planet. The average car burns about two tons of carbon a year. The trick to overcoming automobile dependence is to take it on one step at a time. Most of us are more severely addicted to automobile use than we think. An impetuous resolution to "never drive again" is likely to end in failure (particularly if you live three miles from the nearest bus stop!). Try cutting out one car trip a week. See how it goes. Remember, many Canadian cities have been built for the convenience of cars, not pedestrians, cyclists, or transit users. Too often, we have developed what amounts to a system of compulsory automobile ownership. This is not your fault. But you can start fighting back. A great book to help you get started is *Divorce Your Car!: Ending the Love Affair with the Automobile* by Katie Alvord (New Society Publishers, 2000).

7) When possible, have things delivered to your home instead of driving out to buy them in a car.

One delivery truck going to 20 houses is better for the environment than 20 cars each going to a different store.

8) At work, use a bicycle courier company.