
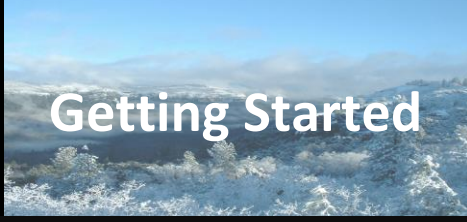






City of Chico Residents' Guide to Climate Action

	<u>First Steps</u>	<u>Next Steps</u>	<u>Big Steps</u>
 Getting Started	<p>Calculate your personal carbon footprint www.coolcalifornia.org</p> <p>Visit the Climate Action Center on the City of Chico Website to review the city's Climate Action Plan, related initiatives and resources</p>	<p>Read up on the facts related to global warming www.epa.gov/climatechange www.noaa.gov/climate</p> <p>Create a carbon budget, and identify areas where you can cut back</p>	<p>Make a plan to reduce your carbon emissions by 5% per year</p>
 Buildings and Energy	<p>Save energy and costs: Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) www.pge-cfl.com</p> <p>Turn off appliances and electronics when not in use; plug into power strips wherever possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about phantom load www.standby.lbl.gov </p> <p>Learn how to fully utilize your home's smart meter www.pge.com/smartmeter</p>	<p>Get a free home energy audit www.pge.com/energysurvey 1800PGE5000</p> <p>Get a free water conservation kit and other resources www.calwater.com/conservation/index.php</p> <p>Replace old appliances with Energy Star appliances www.energystar.gov/rebatefinder www.energysavers.gov/rebates</p> <p>Utilize your utility's many other resources www.wecandothis.com</p>	<p>Retrofit your home to be more energy efficient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a list of federal tax incentives visit www.energytaxincentives.org For a list of rebate programs by state visit www.dsireusa.org </p> <p>Install solar panels www.gosolarcalifornia.org</p>
 Transportation	<p>Maintain your car; properly inflate tires and kept it tuned up for efficient driving www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/driving.html</p>	<p>Shift daily trips to walking, cycling, carpooling, or public transportation; this is one of the most impactful things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint www.bcag.org/Transit/Routes--Schedules/index.html www.bcag.org/documents/transit/bike_maps/BCAG_BIKE_MAP_front_web.pdf</p>	<p>Purchase the most fuel-efficient vehicle that can comfortably meet your needs</p>
 Consumption and Waste	<p>Recycle more and recycle right www.buttecounty.net/RecycleButte.aspx</p> <p>Reduce needless waste by taking your own reusable bags and containers with you when you shop www.chicobag.com www.kleankanteen.com</p>	<p>Start your own compost bin. Learn how to do it easily at home www.aschico.com/compost</p> <p>Buy fresh, local food and produce at the farmer's market www.chicocertifiedfarmersmarket.com www.downtownchico.net/events/dcbaevents/tnm</p>	<p>Plant a vegetable garden in your backyard http://www.gardenguides.com/local-nurseries/ca-chico</p> <p>Know of an unused space or empty lot in your neighborhood? Start a community garden! http://grubchico.org/education.html</p>
 Other Opportunities	<p>Get your place of employment to join the Chico Climate Partnership</p>	<p>Learn about the best ways to care for your trees and help them grow to their full potential. Sponsor and/or be involved in tree plantings in Chico</p>	<p>Spread the word about climate action in our community</p>