

What We Can Do

Let's Stomp Out Carbon Pollution!!

Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Jackson and Josephine Counties result mainly from three activities:

Materials, Transportation, and Energy.

Materials – emissions related to the production, manufacture, and disposal of materials, goods and food

1. Eat Locally

We can reduce the cost of food transportation by supporting local farmers! Growing our own food is even better.

2. Buy Less

Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling reduces emissions related to our consumption.

3. Be Carbon Conscious

We should try to buy products from manufacturers who use low carbon technology. Look into B-Corporations (<http://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps>)

Transportation

4. Green our commute

We can walk, cycle or take the bus! If we are going to drive, a well-tuned car with properly inflated tires uses less gas, cutting pollution and saving us money at the pump.

5. Fly less

Air travel produces a huge carbon footprint! Before we book our next airline ticket, we should consider greener options such as buses or trains, or vacationing closer to home.

6. Consolidate trips

When we must drive, especially if there is some distance involved, we can plan to make multiple stops on one trip in an efficient order to minimize our vehicle miles.

Energy

7. Be energy efficient

We already switch off lights and have compact fluorescents or Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) – what's next? We can unplug computers, TVs and other electronics when not in use and wash clothes in cold (not hot) water. We can then hang them to dry whenever possible.

8. Choose renewable power

Use energy that has the least carbon impact (avoid fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas.) We can support renewable energy by signing up for programs like Pacific Power's Blue Sky Program.

9. Divest

Consider where our money is invested. Retirement accounts, university endowments, personal portfolios. It's wrong to profit from wrecking the climate. More information at <http://gofossilfree.org/>

Take Action

10. We can take a few minutes to **contact our political representatives** to tell them that reducing greenhouse gas emissions will build healthier communities, spur economic innovation, create new jobs, and is the right thing to do.

11. Next time we're at the polls, we can **vote** for politicians who support effective climate policies.

12. We can **join others** at Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN) and work together! www.socan.info

