

Take Simple Steps to Live Green

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Green living is not only about people. It is also about plants, animals, and the places they live. Green living means thinking about climate change and energy use, as well as about biological diversity and the well-being of those who draw their livelihoods from nature.

We know this takes effort. Here is a useful list of simple steps you can take to begin thinking greener, acting greener, and living greener.

1. Be Informed <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/1_be_informed.aspx>

The first step toward being a responsible green citizen is knowing the issues and taking time to think about them.

2. Travel Sustainably <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/travel/Pages/2_travel_sustainably.aspx>

Next time you go on vacation or need to take a business trip, consider ways you can cut down on carbon emissions.

3. Be a Green Consumer <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/3_green_consumer.aspx>

It is becoming easier and easier to know what effects the things you buy have on the environment.

4. Eat Green <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/4_eat_green.aspx>

Environmentally friendly eating habits are easy and healthy.

5. Explore Biodiversity <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/5_explore_biodiversity.aspx>

The diversity of nature is everywhere. So why not roll up your sleeves and see what's been living right outside your door?

6. Enhance Your Local Biodiversity

<http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/6_local_biodiversity.aspx>

Contributing to diversity in your own neighborhood can go a long way toward feeling good every day.

7. Minimize Your Carbon Footprint

<http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/7_carbon_footprint.aspx>

By reducing the energy and fossil fuels you use, you are saving the environment from further damage.

8. Offset Your Carbon <http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/8_offset_carbon.aspx>

After you have done everything you can to minimize your carbon footprint then you can think about how to offset what residual impacts remains.

9. Influence Your Friends, Family, and Community

<http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/9_tell_friend_family.aspx>

A green YOU is a great role model for your friends, family, and colleagues.

10. Be a Conservation Advocate <<http://www.conservation.org/act/simplesteps/Pages/advocate.aspx>>

Do a little or do a lot, but raise your voice today.