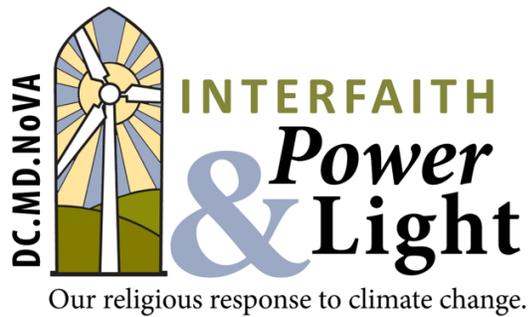


Individual actions, though important, are not going to significantly bend the curve on Climate Change. For that **we need policy**, and to get policy changes we need citizens to advocate for them. Here are some **organizations that will empower you to become a citizen advocate**:



MoCo Students on Climate

Personal Behavior & Buying Habits

42 Individual Actions That Combat Climate Change

Home Efficiency

1. Reduce, reuse, recycle – no single-use anything!
2. Buy green cleaning products
3. Drive less. Carpool. Walk or bike more. Use public mass transit
4. Drive a hybrid, electric or hydrogen car to reduce or eliminate CO2 emissions
5. Use “shared economy” services such as Zipcar, Freecycle, Airbnb, Lyft, etc.
6. Eat less meat and dairy. Eat a more local, organic plant-based diet. Try Meatless Mondays.
7. Simplify your life – buy less stuff -- buy mesh, reusable bags
8. Divest your portfolio of investments in fossil fuel companies which profit from oil, coal and gas
9. Invest in renewable energy companies such as SunRun, Tesla, etc.
10. Buy carbon offsets when traveling by plane, e.g. from Terrapass

Education & Advocacy

11. Encourage your local organization. to go green and purchase 100% renewable energy, solar panels etc.
12. Join Citizens' Climate Lobby to advocate for a price on carbon at the national & state level
13. Join/support other climate activist groups – 350.org, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, NRDC, etc.
14. Actively participate in climate rallies held in your city and region
15. Write/call/visit your local, state and national elected officials urging action on climate change
16. Write & submit letters/emails to the editors of newspapers on climate change issues
17. VOTE for candidates with a progressive climate record and platform
18. Read books, articles and news stories on climate change, mitigation and adaptation & talk to others
19. Educate “climate deniers” or “climate skeptics” by sharing the facts of climate change
20. Apply for free 3-day training with the Climate Reality Project so you can train others
21. Learn about additional climate solutions (e.g. articles and books, like *Drawdown*) and talk to others
22. Push for local building regulations that include renewable and other fossil-free technologies

23. Schedule a free home energy with local utility
24. Choose the 100% renewable energy option such as Neighborhood Sun
25. Swap out old appliances and buy *Energy Star* models. Run them off-hours
26. Turn off and unplug appliances, lamps, TVs, computers, etc. when not in use
27. Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs
28. Insulate your home & install double-pane windows to prevent heat loss
29. Use less heat in the winter and less air conditioning in the summer at home
30. Regularly clean/replace filters on HVAC systems, dryers, refrigerators and other appliances/systems
31. Use a programmable thermostat to save energy when you are not at home
32. Purchase/lease solar tiles/panels for your rooftop to generate renewable electricity
33. Create/join a community solar grid if you live in an apartment or can't install solar
34. Install a solar water heating system in your home
35. Install tank-less water heaters at faucets throughout your home
36. Purchase a renewable energy home battery to save electricity generated in daytime
37. Erect a residential wind turbine on your property where permitted by zoning law
38. Landscape gardens with drought-resistant plants and add additional trees – less lawn
39. Reduce food waste & create a compost bin to recycle waste to generate new soil
40. Replace your gas furnace and AC with an electric heat pump heating and cooling system
41. Replace your gas water heater, gas stove and gas dryer with electric ones
42. Insist that your lawn-care company use electric/battery-powered mowers and blowers