

100 VIEWS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

<http://ChangingClimates.colostate.edu>



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Start with one thing. Then one more. Then another.

Learn a lot and take it personally.

One place to start learning is the website above.

Shrink your climate footprint.

Insulate, drive less, turn down your water heater, unplug idle electronics, waste less, vacation closer to home, eat less meat and more local food.

Do the same on a larger scale—with friends, at your church, at work.

Talk to other people.

It's hard but important to talk about what you know, think, and feel. Climate change brings up difficult emotions; talking can help us deal with these emotions rather than bottle them up or pretend (even to ourselves) that we don't feel them.

Be a climate citizen.

Get involved in what's happening around you. Join an energy, climate, or sustainability group. Talk to your mayor, your state and federal representatives and senators or their aides. Speak up in public and make your votes count for the climate. If you think a price on carbon will help, join the Citizens Climate Lobby. Volunteer to help with local disaster relief or adaptation and resiliency projects.

Make your work choices climate-savvy.

Some jobs—and some ways of doing them—are more climate-friendly and forward-looking than others. If you're still a student, if you're ready to retire, or if you just want a change, think about your choices in these terms.

Become a climate activist.

If all this doesn't feel like enough, consider joining others in demonstrations or other civil protests. A good place to start: 350.org.

Imagine better futures.

Some futures will be better than others. Think about what you'd like to see and what it might take to make it happen. Then step in that direction.

Learn a lot: Robert Henson's *Rough Guide to Climate Change* is another good place to start.
Carbon footprints: <https://www.climatecare.org/climate/low-carbon-living/> and <http://www.chasingice.com/make-a-difference/shrink-your-carbon-footprint/> . . . *Talk to others:* <http://www.aeonmagazine.com/being-human/rosemary-randall-climate-change-psychoanalysis/> . . . *Citizens Climate Lobby:* <http://citizensclimatelobby.org> . . . *Activism:* <http://350.org>.

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