

10 Ways to Care for Creation:

Action	CO2 Reduction
1. Cut phantom energy use by unplugging devices and chargers that are not being used (power strips can be useful by enabling multi-device shutoff)	500 lbs/year
2. Turn of the lights in unused rooms	380 lbs/year
3. Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors to avoid air leaks	Up to 1,350 lbs/year
4. Adjust the heat/AC by 2°	500 lbs/year for every 2°
5. Clean and replace AC filters as recommended	175 lbs/year
6. Wrap older (8+ years) water heaters in insulating jackets	Up to 1,000 lbs/year
7. Check tire air pressure to ensure fuel efficiency	250 lbs/year
8. Walk, bike, or use mass transit - carpool!	20 lbs per gallon of unused fuel
9. Give unwanted goods a second life by purchasing used at yard sales or consignment shops	Potentially thousands of lbs/year!
10. Use reusable shopping bags, buy food in bulk, and buy minimally packaged goods	100 lbs per year per gallon of waste reduced

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