



Top 10 Tips - Climate Change Strategy

- Limerick & Clare region will exceed its own “Kyoto Target” by 1,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ by 2010
- The cost of exceeding our targets will cost approximately €42.1 million by 2010
- Every person should aim to reduce CO₂ emissions by 4.7 tonnes per annum
- The main contributory factor to global warming is the amount of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere.

Here are some ways we can SAVE energy, CO₂ emissions and Life as we know it.

| No. | Action | Savings | Energy |
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| 1 | Think Globally – Act Locally The Rio Convention in 1992 established “Local Agenda 21. This asks people to think of the global implications of their local actions. Ireland’s contribution to the problem of global warming is comparatively small but our contribution to the solution through example can be very large. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 2 | Increase Energy Efficiency – It makes sound economic and environmental sense. Big companies do it already, so what’s stopping you! | 30% + | Heating, Electric, Transport |
| 3 | Don’t Waste Water – Water is a vital resource for life. Our treated water supplies are a relatively modern advancement of civil engineering. Treated water consumes energy in its production and delivery. The more water you waste the more has to be treated and pumped to you. | The Planet | Electric |
| 4 | Trees to breathe – Trees are the earths best carbon converters. Consider planting trees more often and include them in your gift list. Plant a tree when ever you take an international journey by boat or plane. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 5 | Recycle – Reuse – Refuse to use unnecessary packaging Recycling and refusing to use packaging educates producers that the consumer no longer wants certain things. Producers are very sensitive to customers needs. Don’t be shy about expressing your views. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 6 | Learn from our children Children are being taught a great deal in schools about the environment. Global warming is a process that we may be handing over to our children & it should not be a cause of unnecessary concern to them but if we listen to them we might hear some of the solutions they need us to use. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 7 | A little means a lot A common thought is that I use so little anything I do won’t make a difference. However many people doing a little makes a big difference. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 8 | An Inconvenient Truth Many books and some exceptional films have been released in 2006 on climate change and our individual responsibility. Make a point of finding out more about what you can do at work, home, & travel. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 9 | Carbon Footprints A carbon footprint is an excellent way of measuring our environmental impact. There are some good web sites including:- www.carbonfootprint.com www.mycarbonfoorprint.eu | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |
| 10 | Change is Good The way we use energy will change substantially in the near future. This change can be very good. Start making the change a positive experience now. | The Planet | Heating, Electric & Transport |