

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS for a Clean Energy Future



The Clean Energy Future is only possible when we all work together. Make energy-efficiency a priority by incorporating these tips and tricks into your day-to-day life in the new year.



PLANT A TREE

Urban trees reduce heat and pollution by acting like sponges that absorb harmful particulate matter. Planting trees is easy and one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce pollution.



USE A POWER STRIP

Save energy by using a power strip to turn off appliances, such as computers, cellphones and televisions, when they're not in use.



TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

Opt for natural light during the day and turn off the lights when leaving a room to reduce the amount of energy drawn from the power grid.

NATURAL CLEANING PRODUCTS

Use products that are naturally derived, nontoxic and biodegradable to ensure healthy indoor air quality in your home.



COMBINE ONLINE ORDERS

Instead of making several small purchases throughout the week, wait to make all online purchases at once, cutting down on air pollution from shipping.



LEAVE THE CAR AT HOME

One of the best ways to cut pollution is to leave the car at home. Luckily, there are a lot of options that make it possible to get where you need to go without a car.



DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Emission standards have helped cut pollution from cars and trucks by about 90 percent since 1998. Electric vehicles help improve air quality and save you money in the long run.



UTILIZE SOLAR ENERGY

As the cost of solar panels goes down, more people are making the move to solar. Solar energy is cleaner, better for the environment and could help reduce your monthly electric bill.



ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

Using a gas-powered lawn mower for one hour creates as much pollution as driving a car for 350 miles. New electric lawn mowers are healthier, lighter and easier to use.

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