AB 32, **The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006**, is also known as California's Clean, Secure Energy law. This law was passed by Californians who care about our planet and want to reduce California's carbon footprint by 2020. You can help by using less water, gasoline or electricity.

Enclosed are tips to help reduce your carbon footprint and resources to help you learn more. Open up the brochure and inside you will find a pledge you can do with your family!

Ways for families to help

Little things...

- Use Re-Usable grocery bags
- Turn off the lights/electronics in a room when not in use
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or not in use
- Take shorter showers and shallow baths
- Lower your thermostat's temperature by 1-2 degrees
- Use reusable water bottles
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Plant a tree
- Buy items in bulk to reduce on packaging
- Don't use large appliances between 4-7pm
- Ride a bike, walk or take public transportation when possible

Bigger things...

- Start and use a composting bin
- Plant a garden or buy locally
- Recycle all recyclables (paper, glass, plastic and aluminum cans, etc.)
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving light bulbs
- Install low-flow shower heads or aerators in faucets to reduce flow
- Install low-flush toilets
- When buying new appliances, look for Energy Star labeled ones
- Buy fuel-efficient cars

Get your neighbors and community involved; tell them about what you and your family are doing.

Main Entry: carbon footprint
Part of Speech: n
Definition: a measure of the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by a single individual, organization, or location by day-to-day activities over a given time.
Example: Carbon footprint describes the environmental impact of carbon emissions, which is measured in units of carbon dioxide.
Etymology: 1999

Resources

California's resource to help reduce our carbon footprint:
www.coolcalifornia.org

Learn more about AB32:
www.arb.ca.gov

Community Resources and Notes

This section can be personalized with contacts in your area.

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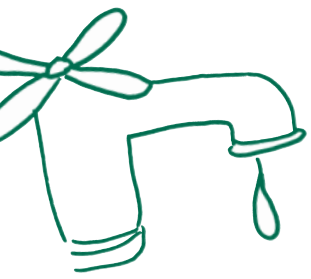

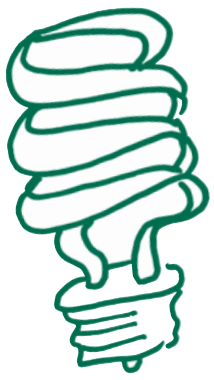

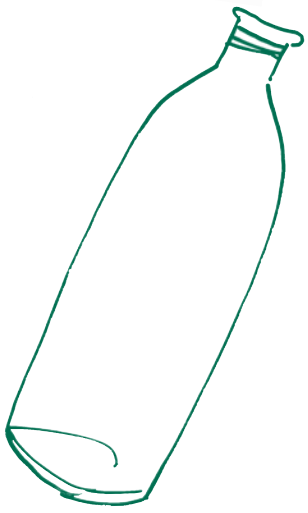

_____ Family

Pledges To Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

We pledge as a family to reduce our carbon footprint through the choices we make every day. Reducing our carbon footprint starts with a single person and a single act of kindness towards our earth. We pledge to work together in making our home and community a better place.

Family Members

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_____

_____

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Here are the ways my family and I will reduce our Carbon Footprint

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Get your neighbors and community involved;
tell them about what you and your family are doing.

Here are ways my family and I will reduce our carbon footprint in our community

1. _____
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