

National Teach-In Event Feb 12, 2009 Concord & Carlisle, MA



= Political Action Group

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Stay Informed

Get Involved

Talk to Friends & Neighbors

Please join

ConcordCAN (contact Bob or Lori) or

Carlisle Climate Action (contact Launa or Cindy)

350.org: <http://www.350.org/>

Find out why 350 is such an important number. Join the effort to spread the 'number'!

Environment America: <http://www.environmentamerica.org/about-us>

A federation of state-based, citizen-funded environmental advocacy organizations that combines independent research, practical ideas and strong advocacy to overcome powerful special interests and win effective climate action.

MCAN (Massachusetts Climate Action Network): <http://massclimateaction.net/>

A coalition of local climate action groups around the state. Great site for information on Low Carbon Living initiative.

Repower America (Al Gore): <http://repoweramerica.org/>

WE CAN have 100% renewable sources for electricity within 10 years. Find out how!

Sierra Club: <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/> The first environmental advocacy group in the nation and still going strong to provide legislative action, action alerts, green tips, education, involvement in a wide variety of environmental/climate change/global warming issues.

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV): <http://www.lcv.org> To secure the environmental future of our planet, LCV's mission is to turn environmental values into national priorities by advocating for sound environmental policies and electing pro-environmental candidates who will adopt and implement such policies.

The Wilderness Society: <http://wilderness.org/> Wilderness, global warming, energy, roadless forests, stewardship

NRDC (National Resources Defense Council): <http://www.nrdc.org/> Expertise combined with legal clout.

American Association for the Advancement of Science: <http://www.aaas.org/> International, non-profit dedicated to accurate, timely, vetted science news; publishers of the popular journal, *Science*: <http://www.sciencemag.org/magazine.dtl>

Climate Leadership Initiative for Sustainable Environment: http://climlead.uoregon.edu/pdfs/Setting_record_Straight.pdf
"Demythify" your knowledge about climate change; get accurate, up to date information.

Concord Conserves: <http://www.concordconserves.org/node>

Great site for local climate action/environmental news, events, information.

Earth Day is April 22: <http://www.earthday.net/about>

Participate in the largest non-secular holiday in the world celebrated by over 1 billion people!

Earth Policy Institute (Lester Brown): <http://www.earth-policy.org/index.htm>

Dedicated to building a sustainable future as well as providing a plan for how to “get there from here”.

Energy Star: <http://www.energystar.gov/>

Explore this site for information on Energy Star appliances and other energy efficiency strategies.

Green America: <http://www.greenamericatoday.org/> Harnesses economic power of consumers, investors, businesses, and the marketplace to create a socially just and environmentally sustainable society.

Living on Earth: <http://www.loe.org/about/about.htm>

Weekly environmental/climate change news and information program from Public Radio International.

Planet Green: <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/carbon-offset/top-carbon-offset-tips.html>

Educate yourself about offsets.

Real Climate: <http://www.realclimate.org>

Winner of *Scientific American* Science and Technology Web Award for accurate climate change information.

Union of Concerned Scientists: <http://www.ucsusa.org/> Advocacy of clean air and energy, sustainable practices.

WattzOn: <http://www.wattzon.com/> A free online tool to quantify, track, compare and understand the total amount of energy needed to support all of the facets of your lifestyle.

Center for American Progress: <http://www.americanprogressaction.org/> Headed by [John D. Podesta](#), former chief of staff to President William J. Clinton, whose mission is to transform progressive ideas into policy.

The Story of Stuff: <http://www.storyofstuff.com/> Excellent website explains how it all went wrong and what to do.

Oxfam America: http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whatwedo/campaigns/climate_change Helping the poor adapt to climate change.

More Resources & Ideas



Take Action !

- ✓ Measure your carbon footprint
- ✓ Target a 10% reduction in your footprint *
- ✓ Educate yourself & others *
- ✓ Talk to your legislators
- ✓ Don't Delay !

* We found it helpful to join a team such as [Low Carbon Living](#) or [Transition Towns](#) but you can do it on your own too!

Personal Energy Saving Actions

Area of Energy Saving	<u>Potential Reduction of Lbs CO₂/yr</u>
1 Heating & A/C	
- Set thermostat 65-68° in winter; 78° in summer	3400-5000
- Set Furnace Fan on thermostat to AUTO (not ON)	
2 Electricity	
- Replace 15 bulbs with CFLs	500-1000
- Unplug 2 nd fridge or freezer	800-2500
- TV off when not in use	500-1300
- Air dry dishes, use clothes line, wash clothes in cold water	100 - 500
3 Transportation	
- Drive the speed limit	300 - 3000
- Walk, bike, use public transportation	
- Keep engine tuned; tires pumped	
- Carpool 1 day per month	
4 Food	
- Eat meatless meal 1 day a week	750-1500
- Compost your garbage	250-800

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How to Contact your US Legislators:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

US Sen. John Kerry
Boston: (617) 565-8519
DC: (202) 224-2742
<http://kerry.senate.gov/>

US Sen. Ted Kennedy:
Boston: (617) 565-3170
<http://kennedy.senate.gov/>

US Rep. Niki Tsongas
DC: (202) 225-3411
Acton: (978) 263-1951
<http://tsongas.house.gov/>

How to Contact your State Legislators:

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/>

State Sen. Susan Fargo: 617-722-1572
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<http://www.mass.gov/legis/member/scf0.htm>

State Rep. Cory Atkins: 617-722-2013
Email: Rep.CoryAtkins@hou.state.ma.us
http://www.mass.gov/legis/member/c_a1.htm

How to Contact your Town Officials:

Concord Select Board: 978-318-3001
<http://www.concordma.gov>
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistel/concord.htm>

Carlisle Select Board: 978-369-6136
<http://www.carlislema.gov>
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistel/carlisle.htm>