

Ten actions that county residents and businesses can take:

1. Know your carbon footprint in order to understand your energy use habits – use the “carbon calculator” at [www.greentagsusa.org/GreenTags/calculator/](http://www.greentagsusa.org/GreenTags/calculator/)
2. Reduce energy use by switching to compact fluorescent, full spectrum compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs which can be disposed of at the hazardous waste disposal sites on Island County in April 2008;
3. Reduce energy use by driving less – walk, bike, carpool, rideshare, use public transit; more fuel efficient vehicles;
4. Reduce energy use by buying local produce/food products and other market products, avoiding products shipped long distances, and use cloth bags for shopping;
5. Reduce energy use by turning off all electrical equipment and lights when not in use;
6. Reduce energy use by improving home energy efficiency (ask Puget Sound Energy or PUD of Snohomish County for a home energy audit) and buying Energy Star appliances:
7. Reduce energy use by turning down water heater thermostats to 120 degrees;
8. To the maximum extent possible, recycle all materials;
9. Compost food products and yard waste; and
10. Cut fewer trees and shrubs and plant more native drought resistant types.