

What Can I do About Climate Change?

- 1. CALCULATE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.** Find the carbon calculator seen in the film at <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/ind-calculator.html>. Get more precise numbers, comparable to the ones for Sean's footprint in the film, or calculate a business footprint at this site: <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>.
- 2. REDUCE YOUR IMPACT** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/wyacd/> this site to find ways to reduce your personal carbon footprint.
 - **BUY RENEWABLE ENERGY TODAY:** Get Clean Energy by signing up to buy electricity from renewable sources (wind, water, sun) through your regular energy supplier. Go on line to review options (www.nationalgrid.com) and click on Energy Efficiency Services. When calling a supplier, have your energy bill handy.
 - **CHOOSE FOOD WISELY.** *The general rule:* Local is best, organic is second, for all the rest, check their record: www.climatecounts.org.
 - **HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW**
 - **TRAVEL SMART** by flying or driving a little as possible, having a very fuel efficient car, or using alternatives.
- 3. STAY INFORMED.** There is a lot of material available on line. Some of our favorites are:
 - <http://www.skepticalscience.com/argument.php> for answers to claims that climate change is not real and/or that alternatives cannot help . Three levels of explanations, from the very basic to the version with all the equations included. Available in 19 languages. Terms are defined, and data sources are extensively footnoted.
 - <http://www.climatechoices.org/index.html> for reports for the Northeast and for California about the regional impacts of climate change, from the Union of Concerned Scientists.
 - The <http://www.ipcc.ch/> for the most recent global assessment of climate change, from The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a scientific organization that has been assessing the impact of human activity on climate since 1990.
- 4. GET INVOLVED.** Find and join a community of people working on an aspect of climate change that is important to you. It could be activists, artists, educators, spiritual seekers, engineers, or entrepreneurs. Working in person, or on-line. Locally, nationally, or internationally. For immediate change, or for the long haul. What matters is connecting with others who understand the gravity of the situation and are working to make things better. This is an immense, multidimensional issue, and we need each other to find our way through.