
Green Tips

Five things to buy on your next trip to the home improvement store

Global Warming 101 With Al Gore, The Oprah Winfrey Show

Former Vice President Al Gore shares the five things you can buy now that will help solve the climate crisis -- and save you a few bucks!

Five things you can buy:

1. Compact fluorescent lightbulbs
These energy-efficient bulbs cost less than \$4 and are produced by major corporations like GE. If every household in America switched five regular light bulbs for five fluorescent bulbs, it would be the equivalent of taking 1 million cars off the highways for a full year.
2. Outdoor solar lighting
These yard or patio lights cost less than \$20, and they don't burn any electricity or produce any CO₂.
3. Programmable thermostats
Though these thermostats cost from \$50 to \$100, they can actually cut your heating and cooling costs. Set the setting so it's a little bit cooler in the winter and warmer in the summer when you're not in the house. A difference of two degrees can reduce a home's CO₂ emissions by up to 9 percent over the course of a year.
4. Air filters
Changing the air filters in your heating and cooling systems regularly can knock two percent off of your CO₂ output each year.
5. Electric water heater blanket
Water heaters use a lot of energy and generate a lot of CO₂. A blanket costs less than \$18 and can cut your home's CO₂

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