

How you can protect the climate

In Germany everyone averagely consumes more than 10 tons of CO₂ a year – a gas which increases the greenhouse effect and thus the climate change. To stop the climate change we have to reduce the emission of CO₂ to 80% - that means to consume only 2 tons of CO₂ a year.

Here are some tips to save CO₂ :

Switch off electrical devices or unplug them if not needed – even at stand-by they consume much power.

Switch off the lights when you leave the room, otherwise you'll waste power unnecessarily. Use energy saving bulbs. Changing a normal bulb for an energy saving bulb means that about 65 kilogrammes less of CO₂ are produced a year.

Unplug your recharge gadget as long as you don't recharge your mobile phone or any other device, for it consumes much power.

Go by bike or on foot whenever your way is short. Buses and trains are eco-friendlier than mopeds, motorbikes or cars. Mind the fuel consumption of your car!
If your parents want to buy a new one, suggest that they buy a fuel saving car.

Give up travelling by plane! Suggest that your family doesn't go by aircraft for your holidays. During a flight from Germany to New York about 2 tons of CO₂ per person are blown into the air-exactly as much as a person is allowed to consume in a year in order to live in a climate-friendly manner.

Wash your hands using cold water, because heating consumes energy.
It's better to take a shower than a bath. It saves water and energy as well- but only as long as your shower doesn't take too much time.

Use special shower upper parts. Suggest that your parents install water saving showers and taps.

Use a water boiler instead of a hotplate. It consumes less energy. Heat only the amount of water you really need.

When making tea or cooking noodles, only heat the amount of water you really need.

Air shortly but correctly! In order to air you should open the windows for a few minutes. Mind that the windows are not tilted during a longer time when the heating is on. You don't want to heat the air outside!

Buy products made in Germany. By transporting apples from New Zealand or strawberries from Spain much CO₂ is blown into the air.

A sunshade for the polar bear



Buy products which have little wrapping! The products of this material and the following waste disposal consume a lot of energy.

Plant a tree together with your family: Five trees take up about one ton of CO₂ during their lifetime.

Pass on these tips!

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