

my top 10 things to help the environment

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1. Australians use 118,000 tonnes of plastic drink bottles a year but only recycle 35 per cent of them. Check out http://www.cs.cornell.edu/~djames/bottledWater/ for an interesting animation of plastic bottles.		1.	
2. Purchasing carbon offsets isn't an easy out. You should reduce your carbon emissions everyday. There are easy everyday ways to reduce before offsetting: use green energy, walk don't drive, reduce waste, use recycled products and recycle.		2.	
3. Businesses are realising climate change is a major part of economic development. What is your workplace doing to become a part of this? Look at your policies regarding energy use, carbon emissions and recycling. Visit www.environmentbusiness.com.au .		3.	
4. For a fun way to reduce waste going to landfill, check out www.reversegarbage.org.au ! Reverse Garbage is a not-for-profit that sells industrial discards and off-cuts to the public reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.		4.	
5. A slowly dripping tap can waste 20,000 litres in a year. Simply changing the washers usually fixes drips. If this does not solve the problem, contact a plumber.		5.	
6. Grow your own fruit and vegetables, healthier for you and the environment! Your own garden will save water, reduce greenhouse gases, reduce the use of biocides and free up agricultural land. For more info see www.sgaonline.org.au/growyourown.html .		6.	
7. Planning a holiday? Consider ecotourism! Ecotourism is about experiencing natural areas with environmental and cultural understanding, appreciation and conservation. Check out www.ecotourism.org.au for their Green Travel Directory.		7.	
8. Is your home or office building environmentally-friendly? You can reduce greenhouse emissions and power and water bills by making your home more water and energy efficient. Visit www.nabers.com.au find out how efficient your home is.		8.	
9. If you're looking at investing consider responsible investment opportunities. These investments take environmental, social, ethical or governance considerations into account. Visit www.eia.org.au .		9.	
10. Get the kids involved! Get creative, recycle and reuse to create fun and practical things around the house. Check out http://ecobites.com/eco-arts-crafts-activities/17.html for some great ideas.		10.	

remember, when you've achieved your top 10, revisit **true green** and select another 10