

5 ways to fight the climate crisis from home

1. **Call and Email your elected officials:** Contacting your local leaders is a quick and easy way to use your voice. It may not seem like much, but by just picking up the phone and calling their office, you can let them know that you want climate action to be a priority and not an afterthought. Some organizations like the [World Wildlife Fund](#) and [Greenpeace](#) have email templates pre-made for you to send. Likewise, the [Union of Concerned Scientists](#) has a page full of current legislation that you can speak to your leaders about. It's just a few clicks or a quick phone call to make a difference!
2. **Sign Petitions:** Petitions are a great way for constituents to make their voice heard. You can also choose which causes to pledge your support to. Large organizations, like Greenpeace and the WWF, have petitions ready to sign on their websites. Similarly, on sites like [change.org](#), you can search for petitions that interest you. Whichever petitions you end up choosing it'll help make a difference.
3. **Donate:** Organizations like CCAA run on volunteers and donations. While we are in the middle of a pandemic, it is difficult to have mass gatherings to bring attention to the climate crisis. Donate to [CCAA](#) or buy carbon offsets and reduce your carbon footprint. The CNY Carbon Challenge has a list of [carbon offset](#) programs. If money is tight, you can always donate your time, and CCAA is looking for volunteers to help out with various projects and you can find more information about that [here](#).
4. **Vote:** It goes without saying that the upcoming 2020 election will be very important for the future of the climate crisis. The Presidential election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden will have an impact on American climate policy. Trump pulled the United States out of the Paris Agreement, while Biden recently released a two trillion dollar climate change plan. But don't put all of your focus on the Presidential election. There are congressional elections and state senate and assembly elections. These elected officials have more say on what happens in your communities, so be sure to vote for the candidates that make climate change a priority!
5. **Take the CNY Carbon Challenge!:** Now that most of us are still working from home, it's a great time to begin the CNY Carbon Challenge! It's a great way to understand how big your carbon footprint is and learn how to reduce your carbon footprint. So far, we've had just over 300 people sign up, and they could potentially reduce CNY's emissions by about 1,800 tons of carbon. The challenge is laid out in 7 easy steps that you can complete at your own pace. You can take the first step today when you sign up on our [website](#).