

# 50 Actions for the Earth: Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day

## Energy

1. Replace lightbulbs with Energy Star LED bulbs
2. Contact Clark PUD for energy saving tools and tips
3. Adjust your thermostat up 2 degrees in summer and down 2 degrees in winter
4. Ask Energy Trust for a home-energy assessment
5. Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use
6. Use the cold water setting on your washing machine
7. Air-dry your clothes
8. Plug air leaks in windows and doors to keep your home warmer or cooler

## Materials

9. Replace single use items like water bottles with durable ones
10. Ensure only acceptable materials go in your recycling cart
11. Use the Recycle Right A – Z directory
12. Start a backyard compost pile, or a worm bin
13. Buy second hand whenever possible
14. Repair a broken item instead of buying new
15. Reuse an item in a new way
16. Buy local when possible
17. Reuse old food containers as Tupperware
18. Post unwanted items on sites like Craigslist and OfferUp for free before throwing away

## Environment

19. Learn the names of the plants, bugs and birds in your neighborhood
20. Plant native flora
21. Pick up litter (safely, with gloves or grabbing stick)
22. Stay informed about invasive species, and report them to the authorities when appropriate
23. Don't release pets into the wild
24. Keep your cat indoors or in an enclosed outdoor space
25. Learn how to create habitats for wildlife in your yard

## Food

26. Grow herbs or vegetables
27. Store food properly to prolong shelf life
28. Make one day a week “meatless”
29. Purchase organic foods whenever possible
30. Buy “ugly” fruits and vegetables
31. Purchase food from the bulk section
32. Buy only sustainable seafood

## Water

33. Continue to turn off water while brushing teeth
34. When washing hands, turn the water off while you are scrubbing for 30 seconds.
35. Collect rain water for watering your garden
36. Check sinks and toilets for leaks
37. Take shorter showers
38. Hand wash dishes instead of using the dishwasher
39. Don't wash your car at home, use a carwash that manages their wastewater responsibly

## Transportation

40. Commit to not idling your car
41. Properly inflate your car tires to increase gas efficiency
42. Try carpooling, walking, biking or public transport instead of a car trip
43. Check your car for leaks and have them fixed

## Social

44. When possible, volunteer with an environmental organization
45. Listen to a podcast about the environment
46. Attend an event listed on the Clark County Green Neighbors calendar
47. Make your local school greener with Clark County Green Schools
48. Make your business greener with Clark County Green Business
49. Spread the word about your sustainable actions
50. Find out your carbon footprint using Climate Neutral Now