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Earth, Carbon and You

To wrap up the Earth month of April, let's take a moment to put things into perspective. Since the industrial revolution, humans have adopted a lifestyle of "take-make-waste" to satisfy our needs and wants. However, the benefits of this lifestyle have not worked well for the planet. Now the climate is at a tipping point with far-reaching consequences, not only for future generations, but also in the here and now. As adults, it is our responsibility to take care of the children we have now and the ones that have not yet arrived to ensure their needs will be met in the future after we are gone. Take a moment to reflect on your choices, educate yourself and act.

What can you do?

- Reduce carbon emissions by reducing energy consumption. Try the [EPA's personal greenhouse gas emissions calculator](#) to find your current estimated emissions based on your lifestyle.
- Divest from fossil fuels in your retirement portfolio.
- Reduce consumption of consumer goods, reuse and recycle responsibly.

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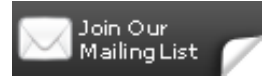
Ask your local representatives about their plans for reducing carbon emissions. Cities are signing agreements, setting targets, and writing climate action plans to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has tools, resources and programs in the following areas that cities can use to implement action plans. Click on the links to learn more.

- [Waste Minimization/Materials Management](#)
- [Smart Growth](#)
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