

HOUSEHOLD

Climate Clever Audit

It's time to investigate what is increasing your household's climate impact.

As a family, work your way through the questions in each section.

I. USAGE & WASTE

How many taps do you have in your house?	10
Do any of your taps leak? If so, how many?	0
Do you recycle paper / cardboard?	YES / NO
Do you recycle glass bottles / jars?	YES / NO
Do you recycle plastic?	YES / NO
Do you recycle food waste?	YES / NO
Do you monitor your use of single use plastic when buying food? e.g. buying fruit not in plastic packaging.	YES / NO



Dripping taps can waste up to 5,500 litres of water every year.



2. ENERGY

Do you use a renewable energy provider?	YES / NO
Do you have energy efficient light bulbs?	YES / NO
Do you turn lights off when they're not in use?	YES / NO / ZZ SOMETIMES
Do you turn electrical equipment off when not in use? e.g. games console	YES / NO / ZZ SOMETIMES
What temperature is your thermostat set to?	18 to 19
Do you wear jumpers or use blankets when it is cold before turning the heating on?	YES / NO
Do your windows or doors have any draughts?	YES / NO / SOME

Like the company Ecotricity



18 - 20 degrees is the most energy efficient temperature.



LED light bulbs use 90% less energy than incandescent light bulbs.



Stopping draughts helps reduce your energy demand.

3. BIODIVERSITY



Wildflowers provide food for bees and butterflies.



Ponds provide food and protection for wildlife.



Do you have a garden?	YES / NO
Do you have any trees in your garden?	YES / NO
Do you have any plants in your garden?	YES / NO
Do you have any wildflowers in your garden?	YES / NO
Do you have a bug house / hedgehog hotels?	YES / NO
Do you have any bird houses?	YES / NO
Do you have any bird feeders?	YES / NO
Do you have any bat boxes?	YES / NO
Do you have a pond?	YES / NO

SAVE THE PLANET



You can make your own bird or bat boxes as a DIY project.



4. TRANSPORT

Do you own an electric or hybrid car?	YES / NO
Do you use public transport, walk or cycle when travelling shorter distances? e.g. shop / school.	YES / NO / SOMETIMES



Approximately 60% of journeys, made by cars, are between 1 - 2 miles.

Now that you have investigated the climate impact of your household, choose three actions to help reduce your impact on the climate.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE ACTION SHEET FOR IDEAS.

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ACTION IDEAS

I. USAGE & WASTE

- Reduce your water waste by fixing leaking / dripping taps.
- Separate your waste and recycle glass, plastic, paper etc.
- Create and use a compost area, in your garden, to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill.
- Choose seasonal fruit & veg, when shopping, and reduce the amount of single-use plastics when buying food.

2. ENERGY

- Switch to a more renewable energy provider such as Ecotricity or Octopus Energy.
- Change your light bulbs to energy efficient light bulbs.
- Always turn lights off as you leave the room.
- Turn electrical equipment off when it isn't being used.
- Place aluminium foil behind your radiators to stop the heat from being absorbed by the wall. This will reduce your energy demand.
- Set your thermostat to between 18 and 20 degrees Celsius and turn off any radiators not required.
- Wear jumpers or use blankets before turning on the heating.

3. BIODIVERSITY

- Plant trees / saplings in your garden or shared green space.
- Plant plants / create planters in your garden or shared green space.
- Plant wildflowers in your garden or shared green space.
- Create your own: bug house, hedgehog hotel, bird box, bat box or bird feeders.

4. TRANSPORT

- Swap your vehicle for a hybrid or electric vehicle.
- Walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Walk, cycle or scoot to the local shops instead of driving.



Now it is time to create your action plan.

Choose three actions from the ideas above or use your own ideas in order to start your journey in reducing your climate impact.