

Ways We Can Make a Difference

After months of record-breaking global temperatures and increasing weather-related disasters, many of us are troubled about the future for life on Earth.

Task of the Month is a program to help individuals and households take one action each month. Tasks were selected based on their potential for significant energy savings. Most suggestions are for improving homes or changing habits to reduce our carbon footprints, but **advocacy** is also an important way we can make a difference. Do whatever works for you!

Following this program together **will strengthen our sense of community**. And our actions can influence others to make a real difference.

Posters on the church website will suggest ways we can take actions each month:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Month	Suggested Monthly Tasks* and Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> January	Talk about climate change. Learn how <i>Citizens Climate Lobby</i> advocates for change.
<input type="checkbox"/> February	Eat green. Plan meals, buy local and compost to reduce waste.
<input type="checkbox"/> March	Be energy smart. How much power are your appliances and lights using?
<input type="checkbox"/> April	Learn how solar can work for you. Advocate for Community Solar.
<input type="checkbox"/> May	Shift your ride. Reduce the impact of your local and long-distance travel.
<input type="checkbox"/> June	Stay cool wisely. Adjust your thermostat to save energy and money.
<input type="checkbox"/> July	Be water wise. Install low-flow showerheads & faucet aerators.
<input type="checkbox"/> August	Reduce the use of plastic & paper. Adopt earth-friendly cleaning methods.
<input type="checkbox"/> September	Reduce the impact of doing laundry. Wash in cold water, air-dry clothes.
<input type="checkbox"/> October	Be heat wise. Try gradually lowering your thermostat.
<input type="checkbox"/> November	Plan greener giving. Give things people need, used items, local memberships.
<input type="checkbox"/> December	Celebrate our accomplishments. What's next? Join <i>Zero in Bloomington</i> .

*If you have already done a task, or want to do more, send an email to zero.gstf@uubloomington.org for help joining a **Zero in Bloomington** team, which will also track our community's progress.

