



You have told us what you are doing or going to do for Earth Day your way.

Send us more pledges or stories as April goes on.

Complete pledge list.

72) Steve K, Merrill. 3 person household. My plan includes installing a home water softener and replacing the electric heat elements in our electric water heater.
71) Josiah, Colby. 2 person household. I will take a yoga class each week and work to remain healthy in my eating habits and sleeping habits. Sustainability starts with having the energy and presence of mind to do all of the little things that I know are good for my community and environment. If I am too tired, too anxious, or too stressed, I know that I will forget to turn the lights off and forget to recycle.
70) Sushda T, Price. 1 person. MY NEW CAR WILL BE A HYBRID-ENGINE TECHNOLOGY. (ENVIRONMRNT FRIENDLY)
69) Melissa, St. Point. 3 persons. I will plant a vegetable garden this spring.
68) Vickie RH, Wausau. 1 person. I pledge to use sustainable gardening techniques in my gardens and work toward a National Wildlife Federation "Certified Wildlife Habitat" in my yard.
67) Pat, Wausau. 2 persons. The Peckhams are buying a second backyard composting bin to have more room for winter food scraps after doing the fall raking. Pat is also riding the city bus several days a week and plans to offer free tokens and route advice to co-workers who live near bus lines.
66) Bob and family, Wausau. 6 person household. We will go around the neighborhood by John Marshall and pick up trash and garbage along the street.
65) Sue R, Wausau. 1 person. I will write and print on both sides of my paper.
64) Jennie, St. Point. 1 person. I will avoid using plane travel as much as possible in the next year and take the train, bus, or drive.
63) Jamie, St. Point. 2 person household. We will purchase a home that is within walking/biking/busing distance for one of us 365 days a year.
62) Barb, Wausau. 1 person. I will walk/bike to work and leave the car parked.
Update to New Day Church pledge, number 46. New Day reusable grocery bags, 100 bags sold on Sunday (April 6 th), ordering 100 more!
61) Cindy, Wausau. 1 person. I pledge to compost my kitchen waste and invest in some rain chains for our cabin on Madeline Island.
60) Carlo, Stettin. 3 persons. I am buying a mulching bin and using the mulch I get from kitchen scraps and yard waste to grow some of my own veggies. This will cut down on energy spent growing and transporting those vegetables. I have also unplugged all of my wall-warts / power-parasite DC converters for recharging items like cell phones. Keep up the good work!

59) Kim, Merrill. 1 person. I pledge to ride my bike rather than use my automobile to commute from home to Wausau for meetings in April - a 40 mile round trip!
58) Gwen, Merrill. 1 person. Recycle power mower and purchase hand push mower.
57) Michelle, Wausau. 1 person. I will not use water bottles and will eliminate my usual habit of going for a drive with no destination in mind.
56) Sharon, Wausau. 1 person. I will try to use less plastic bags and ride my bike to work more often.
55) Diane, Ringle. 4 persons. I will get as much of my groceries as possible through cooperative farms, farmers markets, and hunting, fishing, gardening, and gathering (apples, mushrooms, berries), which will reduce consumption of fuel used to transport food products.
54) Kronenwetter Police Department (5) A monthly fuel usage -- whoever has the lowest usage on their police squad will receive a meal(s) from the Police Chief. Also the department is going to make a concerted effort to use both sides of print paper-- whenever applicable.
53) Paul W, Wausau. 6 persons. I'll continue to bike to work every day, and will work to reduce our consumption of foods from afar by starting the vegetable gardening season early under a coldframe.
52) Tonia, Wausau. 1 person. Avoid plastic bottles, use cloth shopping bags, Conserve water at home, buy more organic
51) Paul M, Wausau. 4 person household. Each year we spend a morning or afternoon cleaning up some small part of our neighborhood. We typically collect trash and recyclables from a park or a section of road or part of the Wisconsin River. We also do our best to focus on reducing!!
50) Jessica, Schofield. 1 person. I will take the stairs at work everyday, not buy bottled water, carpool whenever possible, exercise more and pass the word to as many people as possible about doing things that are not only better for the environment, but better for their own body as well.
49) Jeff, Wausau. 1 person. I will give up bottled water and stop drinking bottled and canned soda for at least the month of April.
48) Lisa, Wausau. 3 persons. Sharing a car, driving speed limit, picking up waste, eating local, considering a scooter, walk to work more often, recycling and reusing whenever possible
47) Connie, Wausau. 4 person household. I will stop drinking bottled water and drink tap water.
46) New Age Church (150 participants) has planned a series so it would wrap up on April 27th and that way we can include both Earth Day and Arbor Day during the timeframe. We are looking for some action steps that our church can take to become more environmentally responsible. Some things that we will be either sponsoring or encouraging: - New Day reusable grocery bags (they are on backorder right now, but should be in next week) -Plastic bag recycling (we have a giant box that we will be collecting all the plastic bags in, so we can take them for recycling) -Getting sermons on Pod cast to eliminate having to burn Cd's (or at least not as many) of the service for those who miss -Adopting a highway Anyway, if anyone is interested in checking things out, we hold our services at 10:00 at DC Everest Middle School, 9302 Schofield Ave- Weston. We are also hoping to be pod casting by the end of the month. Or you can check us out on the web at www.newdaywi.com .

45) Leah, Rhinelander. 5 persons. Our family will say NO to the plastic bag when not really needed and also will use reusable bags when grocery shopping.
44) Sally B, Kronenwetter. 1 person. Each week I would like to pledge a new task but add it to the previous weeks. Week 1-use the stairs as often as possible rather than the elevator. Week 2- drink tap water rather than pop in cans. Week 3-3 nights instead of surfing/watching tv knit scarves to donate to a charitable organization. Week 4-walk in the park & carry a bag to pick up discarded pop cans/bottles. Week 5 brush the cat & use the fur to spread in the flower beds rather than spray with pesticides.
43) Debbi, Wausau. 1 person. I pledge to try to remember to take my cloth shopping bags with me EVERY time that I go the grocery store. I also pledge to try to purchase more regionally grown or organic foods.
42) Tracy B, Wausau. 1 person. Get my car tuned up: make sure to use eco friendly antifreeze, review my current recycling: can I do more? Switch to compact florescent bulbs, remember not to let the water run while brushing my teeth, eat local: excited for the farmer's markets to open again.
41) Matt, Kronenwetter. 1 person. I will print all the scripts for my daily newscasts on the back of printed paper.
40) LeAnn, Wausau. 1 person. I don't smoke, however, I pledge to make others aware that they are littering and creating a fire hazzard by throwing their cigarette butts out the window of their cars. Have you ever looked when you were stopped at a stop light to notice how many cigarettes line the curb, that will then end up in the storm sewers and from there into lakes and streams?
39) Al and Vonnie, Wausau. 2 persons. Walk rather than drive whenever possible. Use the city bus more often. Drive the speed limit.
38) Kelley, Wausau. 1 person. I am attempting to build a demonstration-sized solar thermal collector. I am experimenting with various designs to compare hot water output at a particular flow rate. I want to take into account material costs, ease of construction & durability. If I can succeed in building a working unit, I would like to make it available for demonstrations.
37) Brad, Wausau. Business 5 persons. We will be planting several food plots for wildlife and many miscellaneous trees to improve wildlife habitat.
36) Al, Wausau. 2 persons. Forgo bottled water, keep on riding a bike, keep on walking, continue composting, evaluate lighting, ride the bus, drive the speed limit, use non disposable bags.
35) William and Marian, Wausau. 2 persons. We pledge to follow through with recommendations received via our recent Energy Audit through Focus on Energy. Our immediate responses were to add insulation behind electrical switch plates and insert childproof plugs in electrically outlets not currently in use. We have contacted a firm to take care of many items after the snow melts, the largest of which is to add insulation in the attic. We were surprised that the insulation in our house is pretty good EXCEPT in the addition.
34) Downtown Grocery, Wausau. Business 12 persons. The owners and employees will work to increase the amount we recycle and reuse. For example, we'll work to recycle more of our office papers and paper receipts; we'll increase the amount of non-plastic to-go options for customers; and we'll have available in Mid-April three reusable grocery bag options for our customers.

33) Bob, Wausau. 1 person. I will give up plastic water and soda bottles also will use a coffee mug versus foam cups for the month.
32) Sara, St Point. 2 persons. I will remember to bring my own containers with me when I eat out at restaurants for my left-overs. I will walk downtown this weekend and support downtown businesses.
31) Monte, Wausau. 1 person. I will park my GMC Yukon for two weeks during April and use alternate transportation.
30) Kevin, Wausau. 1 person. I will modify my eating behaviors to be more conscious of the foods I eat and I will be more aware of where the foods that I eat are prepared to reduce as much as possible the additional input that would be required for each calorie consumed due to external energy sources to get food from farm to table. External energy sources would be items such as the energy to run processing facilities, fuel to transport goods or the petroleum that is typically used to make synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. In short: less Mac & Cheese from a box and more fruits, vegetables and meals prepared in my home or in local grocery stores and deli's. I'll eat more whole foods that require a few extra minutes for preparation to provide the maximum calories at the least amount of energy from external sources. Or when I'm tight for time and not able to prepare whole foods, I'll eat prepared foods that appear to contain the least amount of processing in a factory or that are prepared locally from fresh-made ingredients.
29) Don, Town Ringle. 5 persons. I will be planting 12 apple trees this spring.
28) Amy, Wausau. 4 persons. Eat lower on the food chain. It's agricultural runoff, not dog droppings, that are responsible for the pollution in our lakes and streams. Also, meat takes much more energy to produce than plant based foods, and is less healthy for your body too!
27) Andrew, Kronenwetter. 1 person. I'll be replacing the remaining incandescent light bulbs in my house with compact fluorescent bulbs.
26) Nichole, Wausau. 2 persons. My husband and I will turn off the faucet when we brush our teeth.
25) Lynn, St. Point. 3 persons. I will bike or walk to work at least 3 days per week. And we will avoid using Styrofoam containers.
24) Jeff, Oshkosh. Business. The WI Public Service Farm Show April 1-3, EAA grounds Oshkosh will be using "Green" energy for our NatureWise program to power all the hangars and exhibitors booths.
23) Joe, Stratford. 1 person. Every light I have is a fluorescent. I never buy bottled water. I use sports bottles from Target. I purchased LED X-mas lights last year. I've eliminated my phantom loads, as much as possible. Programmable thermostat. I have re-usable shopping bags. I plan to install an on-demand water heater in the next few years. I plan to attend the Midwest Renewable Energy Association solar tour this fall, and their energy fair this June 20-22.
22) Jeff, Denmark, WI. 4 person household. I have changed all the lights in my house to CFL's. Also-I will also be collecting water from my roof to water my garden and bushes.
21) Bonni, Waupaca. 2 persons. This year we're really going to get serious about planting (and maintaining!!) the veg garden. We buy (lots!!) of local produce in the summer but we really have no excuse for not growing our own. We're making an even bigger compost bin and composting absolutely everything possible. We heard about this through Concerned Citizens of St. Point.

20) Jim, Wausau. 1 person. Whenever I go grocery shopping, I will make some purchases at Downtown Grocery. I will also sign up for their newsletters as a way to remind me of my pledge.
19) Joyce, Wausau. 1 person. I will shovel the snow off my composter and get it cooking again. I will leave my car in the garage for an additional day each week (I already try not to use for 1 or 2 days). I will encourage my friends to visit this site and sign up.
18) Jim F, Wausau. 2 persons. Find out how the city of Wausau can begin offering rain barrels to citizens who want to reduce the amount of runoff from their property, as well as save on irrigation water.
17) Dino Corvino, Weston. 1 person. I will use public transit.
16) DuWayne, Wausau. 2 persons. We will join the members of our Church in Society Committee picking up highway trash during our regular spring clean-up.
15) Mary, Wausau. 1 person. I will not buy or drink bottled water during the month of April.
14) Neil, Wausau. 1 person. I will bike to the YMCA once a week during the month of April.
13) Theresa, Town Rib Mtn. 1 person. I will not buy or use bottled water during the month of April.
12) Annette & Jana, Wausau. 2 persons. We will carpool from Wausau to Rothschild 4-5 days a week to work.
11) Brian & Betty, Town Rib Mtn. 2 persons. We will have a thorough energy evaluation done on our house through Focus on Energy to determine what improvements would increase efficiency and be most cost effective for us.
10) Terry, Rothschild. 1 person. Stop using bottled water for the month of April.
9) Mil & Laura, Wausau. 4 person household. We pledge to increase the amount of local foods we purchase and consume at least 50%.
8) Lauren, Rothschild. 1 person. I will use my SIGG water bottle instead of disposable water bottles all month and will use reusable shopping bags.
7) Jim T, Wausau. 1 person. I pledge to drive the speed limit, eat locally the whole month, walk in my neighborhood and ride my bike as often as possible.
6) Gary & Amy, St. Point. 2 persons + 1 college student. We already quit using bottled water and refuse plastic bags at the store. We use reusable bags at grocery stores and get the 5 cent refund per bag. We just started to quit using saran wrap and ziploc bags. We are using plastic containers with snaplids for bag lunches and washing them or glass bowls with glass covers in the microwave.
5) Julie, Wausau. 2 persons. I pledge to use reusable bags at the grocery store. No more paper or plastic.
4) Brian & Betty, Town Rib Mtn. 2 persons. We will purchase 5 blocks of renewable energy electricity, \$1 per block, through our utility. We typically use 300-500 kWh each month, most using A/C. This means the utility must provide at least that much renewable energy.
3) Jim R, Wausau. 2 persons. We're eliminating bottled, pre-mixed Propel flavored water and instead going to a powder mix Propel in re-useable bottles using a water filter on the tap. This eliminates an entire recycling bin full of plastic bottles every two weeks.
2) Scott, Rib Mtn. 2 persons. I will take alternate transportation each weekday during the month of April to celebrate Earth Month. I will purchase a Metro-ride pass and use it to travel to the downtown area each day. (Since Rib Mtn has no bus service, I will either bike, walk or ride to the nearest bus stop and use public transportation whenever possible.)

1) Kelly, Wausau. 1 person. I will have one electronic evening per week and stop using bottled water.