



Care for Our Common Home



Practical Tips for
Helping the Environment



Have forthright and honest debates and policies; issues cannot be dealt with once and for all, but will need to be reframed and enriched again and again.



Reduce, reuse, recycle. Preserve resources, use them more efficiently, moderate consumption and limit use of non-renewable resources.



Slash pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Transition to cleaner and renewable energies and replace fossil fuels without delay.



Promote green construction with energy efficient homes and buildings.



Keep oceans and waterways clean and safe from pollutants; use biodegradable detergents in homes and businesses.



Protect clean, safe drinking water and don't privatize it with market-based fees for the poor.



Be aware that synthetic pesticides and herbicides will hurt birds and insects that are helpful for agriculture.



Leave room for wandering and migrating species by creating “biological corridors;” don’t let dams, highways, and construction lead to their extinction.



Protect biodiversity, especially wild forests, wetlands, coastal areas, mangrove swamps.



Promote smart growth. Create livable communities with beautiful design and plentiful green spaces for everyone.



Even if it doesn't fix the world, beautification and goodwill gestures inspire people.



Put an end to mental pollution. Think deeply,
live wisely, love generously.



End the tyranny of the screen, information overload, and distractions. Cultivate real relationships with others.



Get back to nature to recharge. Be attentive to its beauty and wonder.



Believe in a happy future, a better tomorrow.
Putting the brakes on unrestrained delusions
of grandeur is not a call to go back to the
Stone Age.



Business is a noble vocation. Create jobs that allow for personal growth, stability, and living out one's values.



Listen to, protect lands of, and involve indigenous peoples. The disappearance of cultures is even more serious than losing a species.



Create neighborhood networks and improvement programs. Create welcoming spaces that help people connect with each other. Do something nice for your community.



Make public transportation a priority and a more pleasant experience.



Join, implement, and police global agreements on sustainable development, caring for the ecosystem, limiting greenhouse gases, handling hazardous wastes, and ozone protection.



Don't be afraid of long-term goals and measures that affect levels of consumption and financial risks.



Less is more. Stop needless consumption.



Harness purchasing power. Examine what you buy, and know that boycotts make a difference.



Plant a tree. Take mass transit. Car pool.
Turn off the lights when you leave the room.
Chilly? Wear a sweater. Little things add up.