

55 ways to help look after the Earth on the 55th anniversary of Earth Day – April 22nd

Try to drive less

Make an effort to walk and cycle more

Avoid driving onto the ferry

Do multiple errands on driving trips

Share driving trips with neighbours

Use the bus

Replace an older gas/diesel vehicle with an electric or plug-in hybrid one

Replace a large vehicle with a small one

Keep your house a little cooler

Wear a sweater

Let the sun in during cool periods

Keep the sun out during hot periods

Turn the heat down at night

Turn the heat down if you're going out

Turn the heat way down if you're away

Install a heat pump

Minimize use of an air conditioner

Buy food grown on Gabriola or V. Island

Avoid food grown on industrial farms

Avoid foods that have involved deforestation

Eat less meat & dairy in general

Eat less beef in particular

Avoid overpackaged foods

Eat fish only from sustainable fisheries

Avoid or reduce air travel

Avoid multiple legs when flying

Avoid or reduce long car trips

Avoid cruise ships

Never put organics in the garbage

Sort wastes carefully

Avoid buying new things

Shop at GIRO & the Gabe Shop

Donate stuff to GIRO & the Gabe Shop

Make biochar from yard waste

Refill cleaners @ Refillery & Nature Spirit

Make and mend your clothes

Repair stuff or bring to the Fix-It-Fair

Never waste food

Grow your own food

Use biochar as a soil supplement

Use lots of mulch in your garden

Avoid too much bare soil

Minimize soil disturbance

Plant native trees & shrubs

Avoid removing native trees & shrubs

Remove invasives

Take pride in a brown lawn

Avoid washing vehicles, patios, driveways

Use grey water for shrubs and trees

Take shorter showers, use a low-flow showerhead

Use low flush toilet

Use a composting toilet

Use high efficiency appliances

Air dry your clothes