



New Hampshire Citizens for a Responsible Energy Policy

Simple things that town governments can do to save energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions:

1. Replace 500 100-watt light bulbs with 18 watt compact fluorescent bulbs; save on your electric bill and reduce 100 tons of CO₂ per year.
2. Change the sleep mode on computers and turn off monitors.
3. Adopt an anti-idling policy for town vehicles.
4. Keep a mileage log and reduce travel by 10 percent.
5. Keep official vehicles tuned up and think before you drive: An average car emits approximately a POUND of carbon dioxide for every mile driven. And a light truck or SUV emits a little MORE than a pound every mile.
6. Adopt a local ordinance to prevent engine idling, or post anti-idling signs at school entrances.
7. Purchase smart: make informed choices about the products and services purchased by the town. Insist on recycled content in paper; replace appliances and printers with Energy Star products.

More information on how your town can reduce its energy use at:

- ◆ Clean Air – Cool Planet
www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/for_communities/index.php
- ◆ The Jordan Institute www.nhphps.org
- ◆ International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
www.iclei.org

The latest great examples of what NH communities – large and small – are doing.

Reducing emissions can save your town money. New Hampshire towns are already doing it. Here are some examples:

Lempster

The Lempster Wind Project is a planned 24 MW wind power project near the town and will consist of twelve turbines and will have the capacity to provide the annual electricity needs of approximately 10,000 New Hampshire homes.

Keene

Has taken many steps, including:

- Biodiesel fuels in its municipal fleet
- Anti-idling campaign cut fuel use by 6%
- Geothermal heat-pump system in municipal building

Somersworth

Energy saving lighting and other improvements in housing authority units are saving Somersworth \$45,000 per year.

Claremont

Converted 1,016 streetlights to energy efficient models, currently saving \$27,000/year - and saving \$118,000/year once improvement loan is repaid.

Hanover

Richmond Middle School uses a wood-chip heating system. The system is expected to save Hanover \$60,000/year (costing only 1/6 of heating with oil).