

Energy

LEDs throughout the house

Turn appliances off at the wall, reduce their use, measure my electricity consumption and compare against last year

Reduce water consumption, use the washing machine less. Have showers every other day, use a filter on shower, reduce the time of a shower, maybe have a bucket in the shower and use the water saved in the garden

Saving all the cold water running down the drain when waiting for the hot water in shower, bath or kitchen, use the water for the garden, for washing hands, for rinsing dirty dishes, and could be for washing the house or car or windows

For the use of towels, dry yourself off, (after a one-minute shower), with a small hand towel, and then the large towel only gets slightly damp!

Because LED lights are relatively expensive, local churches could have a LED drive in their areas to aid poorer people to transition to LED.

Possible group actions could relate to LED lighting; fundraising with a purpose, purchases, installation, linking with other groups or parishes in our areas to assist with installation.

Solar heating rentals to be investigated. Rainwater tanks for the home gardens. Information for the community to consider in both these cases.

Transport

An EV, using public transport when can, although love travel we do not need this luxury. Pay for carbon offsets whenever we fly.

Use the train to the city at least once per week rather than car

Reduce by one, a trip out of Auckland, keep our car maintenance, tyre pressures etc. and drive appropriately.

Walk and use public transport most of the time in Auckland.

More walking for local/short distances; get an electric bike

Substitute Zoom for one business face to face meeting each week

Support petition to continue with the whole of the outer link bus service that Auckland transport are about to try to cut again from Newmarket to Mt Albert again.

Food

We will commit to reducing further our intake of animal products

Waste

Have or develop a worm farm for veg offcuts, get back into composting.

Disturbing trend is the new bulk waste of disposable masks, make/buy washable masks

I know it doesn't have to be 'big' things, I need a new bottle of shampoo... shall I buy at the grocery? Or just walk to the local BinInn and refill my old plastic bottle? Small choices, but it all adds up.

Other

And we have planted a lot of trees and continue to do so.

Used our bags for shopping, love op shop clothes.

<http://data.footprintnetwork.org/#/>

this website is another useful tool for getting some perspective on our consumption/footprint impact.