Reduce Your Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Every action, however small, is valuable. Here are some simple actions that residents and businesses can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Get a free home energy audit from [New York State Energy Research and Development Agency](#) (NYSERDA). An audit can show ways to save both energy and money through better insulation and more efficient heating and lighting.

- Compost and reduce food waste. Did you know that all Columbia County Transfer Stations now accept food waste? (Copake was a test case for this program!) You can recycle fruit and vegetable scraps, egg shells, and coffee grounds at your local [County Transfer Station.](#)

- Switch your lighting fixtures over to [Energy Efficient LED Bulbs](#). They're more efficient and, in the long run, cheaper.

- Attend a free Repair Cafe. Repair Cafes are gatherings of volunteers who are handy at fixing a great variety of items. Rather than throw away that broken lamp, bicycle, appliance, tool, or gadget, bring it to a Repair Cafe! The Roe Jan Library will be hosting a Repair Cafe on September 28, 2024 at the Copake Memorial Park Building. Learn more about Repair Cafes at [Hudson Valley Repair Cafe Website](#)

- Support local farmers and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shopping at the [Copake/Hillsdale Farmers' Market](#), open Saturdays 9-1 from May to November.

- To help control possible flooding on your property, plant a riparian buffer. You can learn more about native species that do the job at the [Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Website](#):