

Green Sanctuary Renewable Energy & Efficiency Pledge

The Green Sanctuary Committee is committed to promoting public awareness and engagement on key environmental issues facing us today. Our priority is to halt runaway climate chaos, as evidenced by more frequent and extreme weather events such as the recent hurricane Sandy. As stewards of the natural world, we've created the **Renewable Energy & Efficiency Pledge (REEP)** to encourage the urgently needed shift from dangerous and dirty fossil fuels--which contribute to climate change--to clean energy solutions.

You can be part of the solution by participating in Green Sanctuary's **REEP** campaign. By including conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy options in our daily lives, we can help stabilize the climate and build a new green economy in New York State.

Will you join us in taking our **Green Sanctuary Renewable Energy & Efficiency Pledge**?

Please select one or more of the pledge options that suits you best from the list below. Then click on this link to learn how to follow through on your pledge: www.ccnny.org@reep.org
(link to Green Sanctuary's renewable energy webpage that would provide information/instructions for each pledge – see attached brochure with resources)

Renewable Energy & Efficiency Pledge

I pledge to:

1- reduce my energy consumption on a daily basis _____

To calculate your ecological footprint see:

<http://www.footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators>

2- purchase Energy Star appliances _____

Cooler Smarter: Practical Tips for Low Carbon Living (Union of Concerned Scientists, 2012) www.coolersmarter.org

Unwaste New York: <http://unwasteny.org>

3- switch to renewable energy on my electric bill _____

For renewable energy purchasing options, see the U.S. Department of Energy Green Power Network:

http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/buying/buying_power.shtml?state=NY&print

4 - divest fossil fuels from my investments _____

See the 350.org campaign: <http://gofossilfree.org>

5- conduct an energy audit of my home/apartment_____

NYSERDA provides funding for energy audits and low-cost financing to reduce energy and utility bills. Call 877-NY SMART or visit the NYSERDA web site:

<http://www.nysesda.ny.gov/residential>

6- install a renewable energy system_____

See the website of the New York Solar Energy Society:

<http://nyses.org/Main/AboutNYSES>

If you choose a third-party purchasing agreement, the solar services provider assumes the upfront costs and the homeowner receives electricity at reduced rates. <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/buygp/solarpower.htm>

Your Ecological Footprint

To learn how to calculate your ecological footprint see:

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