

“Starter” Reference List for Climate Change

IPCC- Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability, The 4th Assessment Report of the Working Groups of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, <http://www.ipcc-wg2.org/index.html>, 2007.



This is an extensive document with both summary and technical sections that represents international perspectives. It presents information about what consensus exists amongst scientists and policy makers around the world. (These synthesis reports are produced every 5-6 years.)

Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States, Integrating Federal research on climate and global change, 2009, www.globalchange.gov.

[Thirteen departments and agencies](#) participate in the USGCRP, which was known as the U.S. Climate Change Science Program from 2002 through 2008. The program is steered by the [Subcommittee on Global Change Research](#) under the [Committee on Environment and Natural Resources](#), overseen by the [Executive Office of the President](#), and facilitated by an [Integration and Coordination Office](#).



NASA’s Earth Observatory, <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/>

The Earth Observatory’s mission is to share the images, stories, and discoveries about climate and the environment that emerge from NASA’s Earth system science research, including its satellite missions, in-the-field research, and computer models. A fantastic website that combines e-zine features with daily imagery and searchable information about our globe, written for lay audiences. Subscribing to Earth Observatory is free, and will send a weekly short blurb to your e-mail box, listing new items of the week.

The Discovery of Global Warming, by Spencer Weart, American Institute of Physics, History of Physics program, @ 2003-2005; <http://www.aip.org/history/climate/index.html>.

This website is written by a historian and tells the history of climate change research as a single connected narrative. There are in-depth essays on a variety of topics including “The Public and Climate Change”, “Modern Temperature trends”, and “General Circulation Models.”

Realclimate.org; <http://www.realclimate.org/>

This is a site compiled by climate scientists discussing all issues relating to Climate Change. It’s easy to read, has an index to allow searching for specific topics, and has cited references within each entry to enable in-depth examination of the primary sources for each discussion.



The NPS Service-wide web-site for Climate Change: <http://www.nps.gov/climatechange>

Actions-to-take Sources:

Climate Change - What You Can Do; US Environmental Protection Agency, January 2009;
<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/index.html>

These climate smart money-savers will reduce your use of energy and the resulting emissions of carbon dioxide-a major contributor to global warming-and other atmospheric gases that trap the heat of the Earth. Even if you do only about one-third of the actions on this list, you can reduce your emissions of heat-trapping "greenhouse gases" like carbon dioxide by 12,280 pounds per year.

Native Energy, Bringing new Renewables to Market;
Charlotte, VA, 2005; <http://www.nativeenergy.com/index.html#>



This site provides tangible ways to help fight global warming and climate change. Take a few minutes to help build a new wind farm or a renewable farm methane project today, and enjoy a climate neutral lifestyle.

Read the Truth checklists; Rodale publishing, based on An Inconvenient Truth by Al Gore; 2006; Things to do to help solve the climate crisis:
<http://images.rodale.com/readthetruth/pdfs/readthetruth-checklist.pdf>;
<http://www.read-the-truth.com/home/>.



Here are several different checklists in different formats that have good recommendations for action, by individuals, by groups, and for governments.

ClimateCounts.org, Stonyfield Farm Inc., Earth Day Network, and Clean Air-Cool Planet;
<http://www.climatecounts.org/>.



Climate Counts is a collaborative effort to bring consumers and companies together in the fight against global climate change. They have no interest in doom and gloom reporting and hand-wringing and instead believe that positive change starts with a hopeful outlook that real change is possible.

The Weather Makers - 11 Realistic Ways You Can Help Reduce Global Warming, Action = Impact; by Tim Flannery, 2005; <http://www.theweathermakers.com/globalwarming/>

This is a realistic personal list of actions and glossary definitions from the author of The Weather Makers. It includes an estimated direct impact for each of the actions it suggests.