



## Bright Ideas in Alternative Energy

Climate change is caused primarily by the increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere produced by human activities. Everglades National Park is already feeling the effects of climate change and more will likely occur in the future.

The National Park Service is using various mitigation strategies to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases it produces and thereby lessen its carbon footprint. To meet that goal, Everglades is actively “greening” park operations through the use of alternative energy.

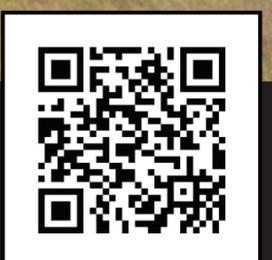
At this campground, the park uses solar powered heaters to provide hot water for showers. Hot water was not available until the solar heaters were installed in 2010, so they also offer an improved service for you, our visitors. The high percentage of sunny days in Florida makes this an ideal way to contribute to the park’s energy conservation goals.



### How to Help

After your visit to south Florida, you can help protect the Everglades by decreasing your carbon footprint at home and in your community.

Washing clothes with cold water and taking shorter showers can not only save water, energy, and money, but could also help save national parks like Everglades!



Installing solar water heaters is just one way we are “going green.” Look for our other carbon-friendly efforts during your visit to the park.