

PruCom gets behind the Green Sanctuary's Carbon Footprint Reduction Initiative

We would like this communal endeavor to be successful and want to encourage full participation. But before zealously urging worthy action by others, we recognize that it is always wise to assess one's own performance. So, we took stock. It was a bit sobering. PruCom is obliged to admit that although we all have the very best of intentions, so far only 40% of us have actually calculated our carbon footprint and reported our results. There are many good reasons for this: busy lives, tax season, family obligations, etc. But the fact remains: **We can do better!** PruCom has set itself a goal to attain full participation. Please join us in this effort. You can find the "Cool California Calculator" and the form to report your results on the church website: www.barnstableuu.org Not a computer user or need help? Please call Janet Abbott at 508-362-1280, or Susan Starkey at 303-524-5331.



Calculating Your Carbon Footprint Can Have Immediate Benefits

Calculating my carbon footprint caused me to look more closely at my electric bill. It gives no information about what percentage of your electricity comes from renewable sources. So, I called my electric supplier to ask for information. The response I received was vague – if not evasive. I figured this meant they were complying only with the minimum requirement for use of renewables set by the Commonwealth, and decided that I should switch to Cape Light Compact as my electric supplier. And guess what – now all the electricity I use will come from renewable sources AND I will pay a lower rate per KWh. Next step: the energy audit.

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