



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Westchester County

To reduce Global Warming in Westchester County, CCE provides education and information about.....

- recycling and composting (use your garbage to grow your garden)
- integrated pest management (IPM) – you don't need a lot of polluting chemicals to control garden pests
- encouraging tree planting by municipalities, private individuals and corporations; teaching the Certified Tree Steward course to public employees, and working with the League of Women Voters to encourage homeowner tree planting to reduce storm water runoff
- reducing energy through creative landscaping to give shade in the summer and let sun through in the winter
- educating corporate employees of IBM and other businesses through Earth Day events at their place of business
- teaching young people about wind power by building their own wind turbine systems
- converting lawns into native plantings and reducing the need for mowing
- overseeding to grown a thicker lawn and keep weeds out without chemicals
- encouraging higher mowing heights for turfgrass to build stronger root systems and crowd out weeds

- using mulching mowers to keep ground moist and weed free, reducing the need for more water and chemicals
- purchasing, preparing and consuming food that is not processed (does not require added energy use) and packaged (resulting in waste pollution from packaging)
- teaching children an appreciation for the environment through Conservation Day and Science Safari programs
- teaching children about the importance of agriculture through Agriculture Literacy Day which reached 700 children this year
- teaching the turf & landscape industry workers the best practices to minimize environmental threats
- training youth in aquaculture and fishing as a way of appreciating the environment
- delivering lady bug programs and encouraging the raising of larvae as part of an integrated pest management program for adults and youth
- providing local access to distance learning programs from the around the state and country so students do not have to use more fossil fuels to drive to those programs
- teaching Con Ed employees the proper way to prune trees so that they stay healthy
- teaching adults and youngsters how to reclaim land as community gardens at Harts Brook Park in Hartsdale and Baldwin Farm in White Plains
- dispatching Master Gardeners throughout the county to encourage homeowners to plant on their property instead of paving it over
- teaching mulching techniques that minimize the use of water and chemicals

- training golf course employees in best practices to reduce their use of polluting chemicals

What are you doing to reduce global warming??