Look for Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint and Take the Pledge

Make how you travel more climate friendly with these suggestions.

Now You Are Here...

- **Take the Bus:** Ben Franklin Bus #26 leaves every 20 minutes near your hotel to the WSU campus—See bus schedule www.bft.org/assets/1/6/bft_route26_june2021.pdf OR type in your designation for exact route location www.bft.org/

- **Go for a Stroll:** Walking and biking are an excellent alternative to driving and a great way to get your body moving. The scenic Richland Waterfront Trail along the Columbia River can get you to the WSU Campus. Leave early and take a co-worker on this 3.5-mile scenic trail. Trail Map- www.traillink.com/ www.trail/richland-riverfront-trail/

- **Start Pedaling:** Want to get there quicker but still enjoy the scenic trail? Bring or rent a bike. www.rebornbikeshop.com/articles/bike-rentals-pg191.htm OR www.greenielife.com/articles/rentals-pg191.htm
I PLEDGE TO REDUCE MY CARBON FOOTPRINT BY: 
(choose at least 3)

- Carpooling to and from the event
- Take public transit while at the event
- Bring and use water bottle/hot beverage mug
- Compost my food waste at mealtime
- Walk or bike the trail to the event
- Choose Plant Based options at mealtime
- Calculating my carbon footprint
- Use reusable packaging for snacks and meals (traveling to, during and home from event)
- Hotel stay- turn out lights, keep your towels, stairs vs elevator, take short showers

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint Here
https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator/

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Tips for Safer and More Fuel-Efficient Driving

Be a mileage maximizer:
Slower is safer and more sustainable. Keep to speed limits or below.

Plan to leave when traffic is lower and avoid routes with heavy traffic.
Don’t idle! Do not run the engine if you do not have to.
If your car has an eco-mode, use it!
Break and accelerate gently.
Use cruise control.

Tame the tires:
Check your tire pressure for proper inflation. Under or over inflated tires can be dangerous and costly.

Proper inflation can improve gas mileage by 0.6% to 3%. Your car’s recommended tire pressure is usually listed inside the driver’s side door.
Make a habit of checking tire pressure monthly and before long trips. Also, free checks are usually available at local tire retailer.

Put your car on a diet:
Remove excess weight from your car. “Get the junk out of the trunk.”
Remove rooftop racks and storage.

Stay cool:
Park in the shade or use a sunshade to keep car from overheating.
Roll down windows when driving slowly.
Use AC to cool the car at highway speeds.
Turn off the AC when not needed.

Plug-in hybrids and EVs
Keep the battery charged and follow tips above.
Pre-cool the vehicle while plugged in.