

Earth Day Network Reality Check

177 billion

Number of dollars U.S. consumers saved in 2005 because of improvements in automobile efficiency since 1973

13.1 billion

Number of gallons saved if every American converted to one of the four most efficient cars in each class

8 billion

Amount American consumers lose daily because of idle electronic functions such as lit display clocks, memory chips, and remote control functions

495 million

Number of dollars U.S. consumers spend on gasoline every day

75 million

Number of dollars saved in electricity costs if all U.S. companies switched to Energy Star exit signs

550,000

Number of trees you would save if you recycled all the newspaper in the U.S. on one average Sunday

22,000

Number of pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂) released by the average household each year

4281

Number of acres of rainforest lost every hour worldwide

2020

Year that Mt. Kilimanjaro's glaciers will be completely gone

70

Percent of world's population that lives in the tropics and will therefore be dramatically affected by climate change effects such as rising sea levels and warmer temperatures

50

Number of years it will take for the Greenland ice sheet to be completely eliminated at the current rate of emissions

30

Number of dollars saved in energy costs for every light bulb replaced with an Energy Star bulb

20

Percentage of total heat lost in a typical home because of poor sealing

9

Percentage of species facing extinction because of global climate change

3

Percentage of average heating bill a household would save for every degree it lowers its thermostat in the winter

1

Number of people it takes to start change