

# ***HOW WILL CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT YOUR FUTURE?***

## **VALUE**

We all want to live in a world where the air and water is clean and where water is plentiful enough to grow crops and quench our thirst. We also want to be assured that we are safe from devastating storms and droughts, wildfires and extreme heat, and the effects that air pollution has on our health.

## **PROBLEM**

Our changing climate is threatening our health and survival. Storms, droughts, floods, and wildfires are destroying our crops and devastating our communities. Since scientists say that humans are the main cause of our planet heating up and therefore causing the climate to change too rapidly, we need to take steps to slow the carbon pollution that is causing these changes.

## **SOLUTION**

President Obama is leading the way with programs that the EPA and other government agencies will adopt. Local must also adopt the guidelines needed to slow climate change. We must promote the use of renewable energy as well as conservation of our natural resources. We must encourage our state and federal legislators to pass legislation such as a carbon tax so the polluters--gas, oil, and coal companies--are paying for the damage they are causing. We must insist that emerging nations such as China and India begin to fight carbon pollution also.

## **ACTION**

Call your local and state legislators and tell them you expect them to start making some of these changes so that the future is bright for our children and grandchildren. Call or write you US Representatives and Senators and ask them to do the same. Encourage President Obama's Clean Power plan and learn more about it by going to the [WhiteHouse.gov](http://WhiteHouse.gov) website. Think of ways that you and your family can conserve natural resources and cut emissions from your home and your vehicles.