

Arctic Ambassador Center:

The Akron Zoo is fighting Climate Change

What is an Arctic Ambassador Center?

In 2015, the Akron Zoo became a recognized Arctic Ambassador Center through our partnership with [Polar Bears International](#) . This wide network of zoos, aquariums, science centers and museums work together to educate the public about climate change and how we each can help by reducing our carbon emissions on the individual and community level. The Akron Zoo believes that climate change is one of the most important issues our global environment is facing today.

What is Climate Change?

When we burn fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas we emit CO₂ into the atmosphere. This excess CO₂ creates a blanket like effect, trapping heat that would normally radiate away from the earth. This heat trapping raises the earth's average temperature and disrupts our global climate as a whole.

What can you do to help?

There are several easy ways we can all pitch in to help reduce the effects of climate change! Click on these links below to learn how you can join our zoo in making a difference:

- Take the [Thermostat Challenge](#): Move your thermostat two degrees warmer in the summer or cooler in the winter to save electricity and money.
- Pledge to be [Idle Free](#): Ask your family, school or business to pledge not to idle their cars for more than ten seconds.
- [Decorate your light switch](#) so you remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room. [\(alternate hyperlink\)](#)
- Learn more at [NASA's Climate Kids website!](#)