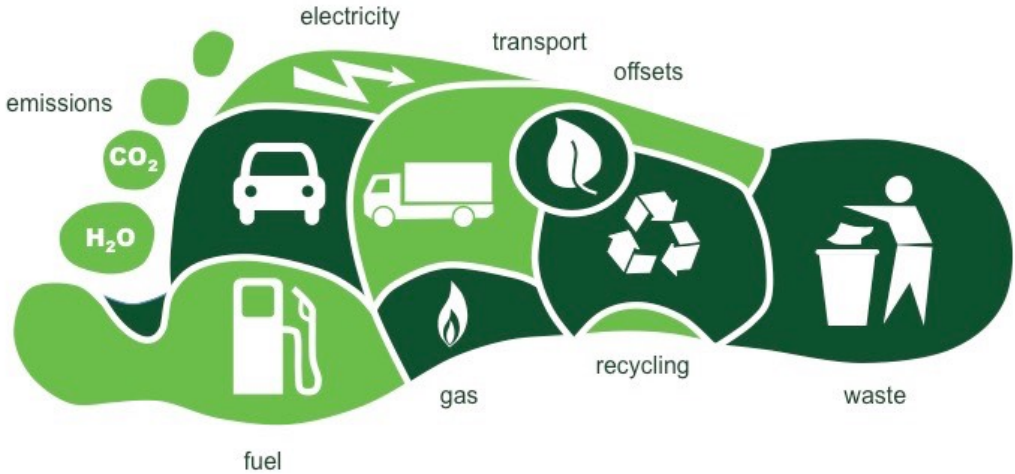


# OUR FOOTPRINTS

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Our footprints are the total amount of greenhouse gases that we produce. We can calculate our own footprints by using available online emission calculators, which consider family size, house functions, traveling frequency and length, food consumption, shopping, and other regular practices that produce greenhouse gases. Since greenhouse gas emissions are causing the climate crisis, calculating our own carbon footprints helps us identify how we can change our lifestyles to lower our carbon footprints.

# CARBON FOOTPRINTS

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The average person living in the US's carbon footprint is about 16 tons; globally, the average is about 4 tons. In order to minimize the chance of a 2°C rise in global temperature, the average carbon footprint needs to be lowered to at least under 2 tons by 2050 (nature.org). This may seem very difficult, but with the help of a carbon footprint calculator, we can see what lifestyle choices we make contribute the most to climate change and change those choices to better alternatives!

Individuals changing lifestyles is not enough to make significant change. Governments, corporations, and businesses need to also limit their carbon footprints. They need to use green energy and reduce fossil-fueled transportation.



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