

# We have the power to protect polar bears.

And the best way to protect polar bears is to save their sea ice home!

Polar bears live in the Arctic, where they hunt seals on the sea ice. But climate warming is melting the polar bear's sea ice home.

To save sea ice, we must move away from burning fossil fuels like oil, coal, and gas. Why? Because these fuels produce gases that act like a blanket around the earth, heating up our planet and causing the sea ice to melt.

The good news is that we have the power to change this! We can switch to renewable energy sources like solar, water, and wind. This will save polar bears and create a better world for all of us.

**Here's how you can help your community get involved! ►**



# YOU can help save our sea ice!



**Talk About It.** Talk about climate change and climate solutions with your families, teachers, and other adults. By showing you care, you can inspire grownups to get involved. Even if you are not yet old enough to vote, you can talk to the adults in your life about why it's important to vote with the climate in mind.



**Create a Culture of Collaboration.** Work with your peers and adults in your community to create more polar bear and climate-friendly practices! Here are a few examples:



1) Find out what type of energy your school and home use for heating and cooling. If it is based on fossil fuels, challenge your community to use less energy. Also work with your parents and administrators to research renewable energy options available to your home and school.



2) Make your community idle-free OR influence a transition to electric bus fleets at school. A tip to get started: Learn more about school policies on student activism and make your voices heard. Share information, a petition, or flyers with more information in your school AND create a presentation on your experiences.



**Build Support.** Who needs to know about this project? Showing off your efforts and progress can inspire other people in your life. Sharing through social media and e-mail can be a great way to reach more people, share your concern, and remind people that you care. Get creative and share your concern through art, film and photography, drawing, painting, poetry. Use your skills to inspire your community to care about species and the habitats they depend on.



**Become a Teacher.** Do your parents know where the energy in your home or school comes from? Does it come from polar bear-friendly sources like solar, wind, or water? If not, can they switch? Give them some homework to find out the options available in your community. Then visit the Education Center of our website with them to learn more about polar bears and the sea ice they depend on.