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Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Are family vacations a thing of the past? With gas prices at or near \$4 a gallon in some parts of the country, you certainly might think twice before planning a classic road trip. But would flying your family to Wally World really be better for the planet than piling into the family car? How much do you really know about the greenest way to get away?



Take our "[How Green Is My Getaway?](#)" quiz -- you might be surprised.

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The Race Is On

How are the fabled tortoise and hare coping with climate change?

[We travel from the highest peaks to the Mohave Valley to learn the answer.](#)

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A "Dirty" Movie from the Sierra Club

Want to get a little greener around the house? Then check out [Owen Bailey's how-to videos](#) on YouTube for simple jobs like installing a programmable thermostat and wrapping your water heater.





Hey, more than 100,000 people have already watched [his masterpiece on how to make your own garden compost](#).

Who knew dirt could be so exciting?

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Quick, Let's Stop the Coal Rush

There's still time to join the more than 29,000 people who have signed a petition opposing a new coal-fired power plant that Dominion Virginia Power wants to build in Southwest Virginia. Yes, this is the same part of our country that's being ravaged by mountaintop-removal mining -- and this plant would only make it worse. Though Dominion is billing the plant as "state-of-the-art," it's not carbon-capture compatible, would emit at least 50 times more mercury than similar plants do, and barely even meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

The petition will be delivered to Dominion on May 8 in Richmond -- just one day before the company's shareholder meeting in Chicago. This "mile-long petition" represents the efforts of several environmental and citizens groups, including the Sierra Club, to stop the rush to coal -- before it's too late.

[Please, add your name!](#)

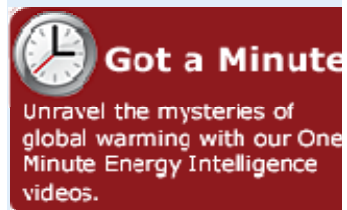
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Smart Talk

When chef [Alice Waters](#) wants to discuss [the art of simple food](#) or House Speaker [Nancy Pelosi](#) wants to talk [about passing a clean-energy bill](#), they both go on Sierra Club Radio.

Want to hear what they have to say?

[Subscribe to our free podcast](#) or tune in to [Green 960 AM in San Francisco](#), the flagship station for the Sierra Club Radio Network.



Why Some Biofuels Are Better Than Others

With gas prices and concern about global warming on the rise, biofuels are all the rage. But not all biofuels are equal.

Find out the difference in the latest [One-Minute Energy Intelligence](#) video.

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Summer Inspirations?

What books or movies help you kick off the summer months? Is there a classic book (*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?) that gets you in the mood for the long days? Does an inspiring scene in an outdoorsy movie spell S-U-M-M-E-R for you?

What books or movies from your childhood -- great or not-so-great -- remind you of summertime? (Admit it, you still like *Jaws*.) How about books and movies that inspired your kids to want to jump up and hug a tree?

Sierra magazine would like to know, so tell us your story.

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Spend to Save

Why not spend your stimulus check on renewable energy that saves you money -- and helps us all save the planet?

[Choose from our list of smart options.](#)



Go Solar for Under \$1,000

While you wait for your economic stimulus check to arrive, why not consider using that windfall on a solar project?

[Check out these ways to go solar for less than a grand,](#) and don't forget that the

government will pay you back 30 percent of the cost of your solar installations, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

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Hispanic Voters on the Environment

A newly released Sierra Club-sponsored poll shows that Hispanic voters are overwhelmingly concerned about

energy, global warming, and environmental issues.

The [first-ever national poll of Hispanics on environmental issues](#) found that U.S. Hispanics, a growing and powerful demographic, are deeply connected to nature and are concerned about the environment enough to take action to protect their communities and their families.

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