

# Voluntary Carbon Tax Pledge Form

I am making this voluntary carbon tax pledge in order to:

- Demonstrate to myself and others my urgent concern for the earth,
- Act in common with others around this concern,
- Raise my awareness of my own energy usage and encourage myself to reduce it,
- Take a step in repairing damage done to the earth by energy use & act to reverse further climate change,
- Help to overcome any sense of powerlessness and isolation in addressing climate change.

The manner of determining the voluntary carbon tax is entirely up to you and probably will be different for all participants. You may pledge a **regular amount** each quarter.

**OR**

You may include **any** or **all** of the categories suggested below. Examples might be:

for **gasoline**: X cents per mile traveled, or X cents per mile excluding work-related travel, or X cents per gallon purchased, or X percent of your actual cost, etc.

for **heating**: X cents per gallon of oil, or X percent of your heating bills, or if you rent and don't know the actual fuel cost, X percent of your *guess* about fuel cost, etc.

The point is, you fill in the blanks with the method and amount left entirely up to you, but recorded here to make a clear and definite commitment. If it proves unworkable, you can submit a new form at any time with revisions.

An online calculator at <http://www.mounttobyfriends.org/gascal/gascal.html> may be helpful; it will let you experiment to see what your estimated tax would be using various methods.

I/we plan to include in my/our voluntary carbon tax the following carbon-using categories and methods:

\_\_\_ **Gasoline:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Heating where you live:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Electricity:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Public and other transportation (bus, plane, etc)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Other, which may be a regular amount each quarter** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to calculate my carbon tax at the end of each quarter (or year) and give it to a recipient of my choice that is actively pursuing alternatives to carbon based energy use. On a quarterly (or yearly) basis, I will report my chosen recipient, and the amount given, using the report form here <http://VoluntaryCarbonTax.org/quarterly-report> website, or by email to: [report@VoluntaryCarbonTax.org](mailto:report@VoluntaryCarbonTax.org). (However if you are doing this as a member of a group, you will report to your group steward, and the group steward will do the reporting.)

*Please keep a copy of this pledge as a reminder of your commitment formula. More information is available from <http://VoluntaryCarbonTax.org/>*

*You are strongly encouraged to join this Voluntary Carbon Tax Community by filling out the "Join Us" form on the <http://VoluntaryCarbonTax.org/join-us> website. (If you are doing this as a member of a group, the "joining" will be done by the group steward.) That will allow the website to contact you (or your group) with a quarterly reminder and to collect information which will be merged anonymously with the results from others in the community. Thanks for strengthening all of us by joining together in this effort!*