
Taking Action to Care for Our Common Home



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

We join with our worldwide ecumenical family in prayer and action to protect our common home during the annual Season of Creation, September 1–October 4.

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19–25)

Suggested Action—Save Money and Energy with Your Car and in Your Yard:

EVs are coming down in cost and are also eligible for a tax credit up to \$7500 for a new vehicle and up to \$4000 for used at the point of sale making some the same price as the average gasoline vehicle. The cost to own and operate an EV over a 5-year period is generally less than a comparable gas vehicle and EVs do not require oil changes. Battery range has significantly increased to an average of about 300 miles, making charging away from home necessary only on longer trips, and public charging stations are increasingly available. DTE offers customer rebates for the purchase of EVs and home chargers, and offers several rate plans that benefit EV drivers. Learn about DTE rebates and rate plans here: <https://www.dteenergy.com/us/en/residential/service-request/pev/plug-in-electric-vehicles-pev.html>. Consumers Energy also offers a charger rebate for electric customers. Electric vehicles and battery lawn tools reduce air and noise pollution which will decrease further as electric utilities transition to renewable energy. Electric lawn tools use batteries that operate a full line of tools including snow blowers and more! Buy electric lawn tools on sale, or consider buying reconditioned tools, for the best price.
