

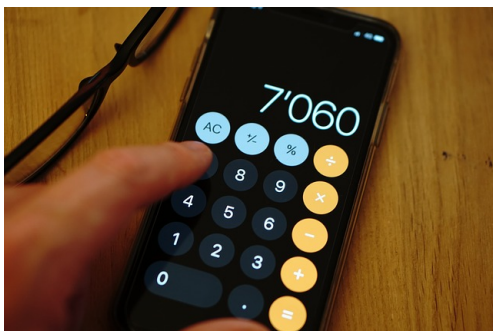
Offsetting Your Carbon Footprint for Air Travel

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In the absence of more efficient aircraft and broad regulations, commercial avian emissions are projected to triple by 2050, contributing to global warming and the alarming increase in problems associated with climate change, worldwide. As we begin to contemplate making travel plans again, now is a great time to explore ways to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with air travel. The airline industry clearly needs to take a major role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, perhaps with a nudge from governments around the world, we can make a difference as individuals.

When we participate in carbon-offset programs offered by major airlines, we invest in clean energy and carbon reduction efforts elsewhere in the world. A number of airlines have partnered with environmental organizations, such as The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International, to invest in specific projects to offset the carbon emissions of specific flights, and many airlines now have carbon calculators on their websites. The objective is that our individual travel is as close to carbon neutral as possible.



You can also calculate your emissions and invest in projects through non-airline sites. Recently, Ecowatch provided its picks for the [Best Carbon Offset Programs](#). The organizations picked all “thoroughly vet all carbon offset projects for transparency, impact, and additionality.” Two organizations that were highlighted for programs offsetting air travel were [atmosfair](#) and [Clear](#). In choosing organizations for carbon-offset investments, it is worthwhile to research their certifications and standards and I encourage you to find a

group that has projects that appeal to you. As we take to the skies again, I hope you will consider contributing to fight against climate change.