

HOW CAN WE RESPOND?

By powering down:

- Use less water; collect rainwater for things like watering your gardens.
- Position yourself to use less gasoline, natural gas, and electricity *before* we have no choice.
- Trade in that SUV for a hybrid.
- Energy is the one “currency” that cannot be devalued – or bailed out.

By relocating:

- Don't depend on products brought from across the country, or food brought from halfway around the world.
- Eat, shop, and work near where you live.
- Get to know your neighbors and the resources in the area around you.
- Use kitchen scraps for compost; don't pay the city to haul them off for you.

By reskilling:

- Regain the ability to do the things our grandparents knew how to do.
- Reduce our dependence on professionals for our basic well-being.
- Become a resource other people will value and want to utilize and pay for.

By doing business locally:

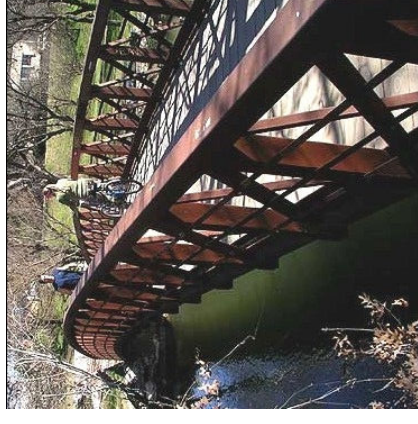
- Local businesses
- Local farms and gardens
- Local bartering
- Local co-operatives
- Local currencies

Learn to live in the world that's coming while we still have the chance to make mistakes and learn from them.

YOU can make a difference!



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Living in Transition: A Bridge to the Future

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TRANSITION?

We are facing an unprecedented set of challenges in the next few years, and *now* is the time to decide how we'll respond to them. What we do, here and now, will determine the kind of world our children will live in.



The Age of Oil is Ending

- Global oil production has peaked.
- Gasoline is becoming more expensive.
- Everything transported using gasoline (from shoes to medicine to food) is also getting steadily more expensive.

The Global Climate is Changing

- The world's climate is getting warmer overall (and, in Texas, drier).
- The fertile zones are moving north.
- Clean water is becoming scarcer – for crops, for animals, and for people.

The Financial System is Unstable

- The 2008 crash shows *how* unstable.
- The dollar is losing its status as the world's "reserve currency."
- We are at the mercy of a system that doesn't care about people at all.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Just looking at the global problem isn't much use here in Austin. What we need are actions we can take right where we live to begin to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors from the effects of the coming changes.

Reduce Your Energy Use

Get used to living with less energy:

- Drive less – car-pool, use a bicycle that's sturdy enough to carry things for you.
- Turn off your lights and electronics.
- Set your thermostat to use less energy.

Use Products Responsibly

- Reduce the number of things you buy – and especially needless packaging.
- Re-use everything you can.
- Recycle what you can't re-use.
- Restore what you can – plant trees.

Learn to Grow Your Own Food

Begin with a simple vegetable plot – there's a lot of help available:

- CitizenGardener.ning.com
- BackYardFoodProduction.com
- AustinPerm.com
- Edible-Yard.org



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Build Supportive Communities

Share resources within your neighborhood:

- Hand and power tools, appliances
- Rides – shopping, commuting, etc.
- Garden-share – so everyone doesn't have to grow every kind of food
- Child and elder care

Support the Local Economy

- Shop at local merchants when you can.
- Join a time exchange co-op, like AustinTimeExchange.org.
- Barter your skills and your products.

Regain the Skills We've Lost

- Growing & raising our own food
- Keeping soil healthy and nutrient-rich
- Cooking & preserving food
- Repairing – tools, your house, etc.
- Taking care of our own health
- Making clothes – sewing, knitting, etc.

Stock Up on Supplies

- Build a complete first-aid kit.
- Stock at least a month's worth of food.
- Get a crank-powered radio & flashlight.