

It's impossible to fully consider the issue of climate change without quickly realizing that the burning of fossil fuels responsible for greenhouse gas emissions also plays a role in the growing rates of chronic disease in people, or that the petrochemicals used to kill weeds or get clothes clean are also contaminating our water, poisoning our wildlife and causing cancer in humans.



So perhaps it's not surprising that many of the solutions offered within our program "**HowGreenIsMyTown?**" solve not just one issue, but related ones as well.

For instance, using paper cups for coffee instead of polystyrene helps keep a known carcinogen out of the air and water near factories where polystyrene is produced, helps eliminate a potential health risk for consumers, reduces our use of petroleum, and keeps a non-degradable plastic substance from floating in our ocean for the next thousand years. Not a bad outcome for a small change we could all make today.

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