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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the latest issue of our What Can You Do Newsletter!

Find out about the latest news on SDGs, share with friends and family members!

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Focus of the Week

The Water

- **Thirsty? Here are 9 types of water you can drink.**

“You hear it all the time: You should be drinking more water. How much depends on the person, but generally speaking, staying well hydrated offers a host of health benefits. That includes higher energy levels and better brain function, just to name a few.

But not all water is created equal, with some being cheaper or providing more nutrients than others.”

Source: <https://www.ecowatch.com/types-of-water-2629621183.html>

- **Coal Ash is contaminating groundwater in at least 22 States, Utility reports show**

“The clearest picture yet of coal ash contamination in the United States is emerging, with utilities reporting serious groundwater contamination in at least 22 states.

At dozens of power plants across the country, including many in the Southeast, utilities have found coal-ash pollution severe enough to force them to propose clean-up plans. Those plans will likely become the next front in a decades-long battle over how to manage one of the nation's largest industrial waste streams—one tainted by toxic heavy metals.

Source: <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/16012019/coal-ash-groundwater-contamination-map-arsenic-power-plant-utility-reports>



Interesting topics

- Huge storms sweep the South USA, resulting in at least three fatalities. Read [here](#).
- The White House is reportedly assembling a task-force of scientists to re-evaluate the government's climate assessments. Learn more via the [link](#).
- Beavers to become protected species in Scotland. Find out more via the [link](#).
- *****Black snow is falling from the skies in Siberia, and it is toxic.***** Follow the [link](#) for more information.
- Eating to save the Planet isn't just about what I eat – it's about what I don't. Check [here](#) for more information.
- How farmers in Tanzania are using solar energy to invigorate their economy. Read [here](#).
- Great Barrier Reef: one million tonnes of sludge to be dumped. Find out more via the [link](#).
- Which climate reality campaign is right for you? See more [here](#).
- UN: Growing threat to food from decline in biodiversity. Check full version of the article [here](#).
- Climate change threatens to wipe out meerkats in the next 50 years. Read [here](#).
- Botswana mulls lifting elephant hunting ban. Learn [more](#).
- A future of erratic weather, higher seas, and extreme heat could lead to an economic "Great Dying" twice as severe as the Great Depression. Visit the [website link](#) to read full version of the article.
- *****We're just 140 years away from the climate that caused a planet-wide extinction.***** Read [here](#).
- Climate change: ban gas grid for new homes "in six years". Read [here](#).
- How car pollution hurts kids' performance in school. Find out more via the [link](#).
- Climate change: death of the grandfather of climate science. Check the [link](#) for more information.
- US Supreme Court agrees to hear Hawaii clean water act case. Read [here](#).
- Explore the world's largest mangrove forest. Check [here](#).
- Oysters play a huge role in keeping the oceans clean – but we're killing up to 90% of them in some areas. Read [here](#).
- How removing asphalt is softening our cities. Find out [more](#).



Quote of the Week:

“The single biggest threat to our planet is the destruction of habitat and along the way loss of precious wildlife. We need to reach a balance where people, habitat, and wildlife can co-exist – if we don’t everyone loses ... one day.”

Steve Irwin



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