

# Earth To Dinner

## Hosting Tool Kit

### Invite Your Friends

Hey friends and family, please join me at dinner on December 12th! The Paris Agreement, committed to by 195 global leaders one year ago on December 12th, 2015, faces great threats. Now is the time to gather, break bread, and discuss the importance of protecting our imperiled earth. At dinner we will be signing on to help create the People's Climate Agreement!



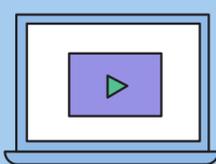
Hosts, please share this toolkit with the guests you invite!

### Do Your Homework



#### Read

The 5 most prevalent climate change phenomena explained simply.



#### Watch

Morgan Freeman narrates this hopeful short film about the need to solve the climate change problem.



#### Listen

Middle School teacher educates her students about climate change without terrifying them.



### Rules of the Table

9 quick suggestions for you and your guests!

**1.** If you're new to the dinner party hosting game, keep things simple- start with just a few guests, cook something easy that you've cooked before, or make it a potluck!

**2.** Are you freaked out by the idea of hosting people in your house? Don't have the bandwidth? Make a reservation at a quiet restaurant, or plan a picnic (somewhere warm)!



**3.** Simple simple simple. Your ten course tasting menu probably won't change the world. Focusing all of your attention on your guests and the critical issue at hand will! Make some soup, serve crusty bread, toss a salad, have your guests bring wine...and then put all your love into the people you've gathered.

**4.** Cultivate a climate-friendly plate: Choose a plant-centered meal, with fresh, local, organic food if possible. [Click here](#) for more cool food tips.

**5.** Light candles, dim the lights, play music in the background when guests arrive. Beauty is way underrated - make your table feel welcoming.

**6.** Our dinner prompts are meant to inspire self reflections and definitive actions. We suggest that you don't interrupt each other, if someone is talking too much gently nudge them to give others a turn. No one has a single answer for how we should save the planet, we're all in this together.

**7.** Try not to argue, this is not the place for a vast debate. Acknowledge disagreements, and keep the conversation moving forward.

**8.** Have one conversation, we call this Jeffersonian - and the idea is that one person is speaking at a time during most of dinner. Try to limit side conversations, focus on the matter at hand and the person speaking.

**9.** One dinner won't solve this issue! Get motivated and stay involved individually and locally. This conversation is just one step in a vast web of connected actions we all need to take as we march toward a healthier earth.

### The Dinner Conversation

Please read these conversational prompts and quotes aloud! Make sure you end your dinner with the Take Action section, even if you miss a question or two!



**1.** "We must know what victory is and like it better than defeat" - Thomas Merton  
Icebreaker. To start the dinner briefly call out an environmental victory that's happened during your life time that's especially meaningful to you: the preservation of the Spotted Owl, the Paris Agreement, Keystone Pipeline defeated. (Take no more than 1 minute to answer.)

**2.** Was there an experience in childhood that ignited your passion for nature and made you want to stand up for the environment? If you could protect one specific plot of land, or one specific species, share with the table what you would defend most passionately? The redwood forests, the Arctic ice cap, the mountain gorillas?

**3.** How can we be more involved as individuals in climate action and solutions? If you could pledge to take one specific action to help combat climate change, what would it be? Cut red meat, cut palm oil, get involved in local politics, purchase green energy, etc?

**4.** The science indicates that in the next 100 years Miami and New York could be underwater. How can we hold our leaders responsible and make sure the Paris Agreement is honored and strengthened? What actions can each of us personally take to be more politically involved and insure America remains a powerful partner in the climate agreement?

### Take Action

BEFORE DINNER ENDS! Have everyone bust out their phones and sign up online to help create the People's Climate Agreement.

[Click here to sign the pledge](#)

Take a picture of your dinner party holding an #EarthToDINNER sign and share it out on social inviting friends to host dinners and keep climate on the table!



Tweet your leaders!

#EarthTo [@ElectedLeader] The world is watching. Keep climate on the table. Be bold! Enforce the Paris Climate Agreement. #EarthToDinner

#EarthTo [@ElectedLeader] Thank you for your commitment to keep climate action on the table & enforce the Paris Agreement! #EarthToDinner