



Climate Action Plan

"What You Can Do" Snapshot

Want to get involved in Sidney's climate action?
See the community actions from the plan below!

Infrastructure

- Slow the release rate of rain into our stormwater collection systems by managing rain water on your property. You can do this by:
 - Rain detention devices, such as a rain barrel
 - Reducing impervious areas on your property (such as concrete patios)
 - Embracing a soggy yard
 - Mow your lawn less frequently
 - Plant trees and native plant species on your property to help absorb water

Transportation & Mobility

- Choose to walk, roll, bike, bus, or carpool whenever possible
- Consider switching to an electric vehicle or hybrid
- Consider choosing a place to live or work that minimizes the need to drive

Buildings

- If your home is already using electricity for power, continue to use that instead of switching to a fossil fuel source (like natural gas)
 - If your home does not use electricity for power, consider switching
- Install an electric heat pump – these are not only great for energy efficiency, but they provide year-long warmth and cooling to keep your space comfortable whatever the season
- Improve the energy efficiency of your home: add some insulation, upgrade your window coverings, or improve the seals around your windows and doors
- Investigate whether home renewables (like solar panels on your roof) might be appropriate for you



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Natural Environment

- Host or participate in a stewardship event (i.e. beach clean up, invasive pull)
- Plant native species on your property (i.e. trees, shrubs, grasses)

Emergency Preparedness



- Host an information session about emergency preparedness with your neighbours (contact the Sidney Fire Department non-emergency line for more info)
- Learn about Sidney's risks and make a plan with your household (i.e. in case of a heatwave or flood)

Food & Waste

- When shopping, consider first looking to see if products are available second-hand
- Use re-usable options instead of single use plastics when possible (i.e. shopping bags, cups, food containers)
- Separate recyclable materials and either drop them off at a local depot or save for blue box pickup
- Swap in more plant-based meals
- Consider buying in-season and locally sourced foods

