

COMMUNITY ACTION CHECKLIST



Reduce My Impact From Consumption

- Reduce the amount of food my household wastes.
- Compost organic waste in my backyard.
- Fix things that are broken instead of buying new.
- Use the Household Hazardous Waste and bulky item pick-up programs to properly dispose of old refrigerators, e-waste, air-conditioning units, and household chemicals.
- Learn how and where to recycle items.
- Talk with my contractor about alternatives to traditional building demolition, such as relocation, deconstruction and salvage.
- Shop locally and support local businesses, especially those that demonstrate climate positive actions.
- Support the recycling industry by purchasing items that contain recycled material (e.g., office paper with 40% post-consumer content).
- Support efforts to reduce and limit single-use disposable plastics.
- Replace high-carbon foods with minimally processed foods, fruits, grains, and vegetables.
- Encourage the creation of community gardens on public and private lands, including school campuses, City lands and church properties.
- Start a tool lending library in my community.



Reduce My Energy Use

- Get an energy audit to find ways to increase energy efficiency at home and at work.
- Install energy conserving appliances and fixtures, such as on-demand tankless water heaters, Energy Star appliances and LED lightbulbs.
- Install electric heat pumps, water heaters, dryers, stoves and more.
- Install a programmable thermostat and remember to set it back when I am gone.
- Talk to my neighbors, co-workers and City Council members about policies that reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.
- Use fans or warm clothing to reduce energy I use for air conditioning or heating.
- Strategically place trees in my yard to shade my house and reducing my need for air-conditioning in the summer.
- Consider efficient alternatives to traditional water heaters, such as tankless water heaters, electric heat pump water heaters, or solar thermal hot water heaters.
- Set a goal of reducing my household's hot water use by 15%.



Protect Our Local Waterways

- Don't be a litterbug. Items thrown on the ground are likely to end up in the nearest water source, making clean up even more difficult. Make sure your trash is contained and that any recyclables are properly discarded.
- If you choose to smoke, please dispose of your cigarette butts properly.
- Pick up after your dog. This helps reduce the likelihood of its fecal bacteria ending up in, and increasingly contaminating, local recreational waterways.
- Reduce fertilizer usage. Excessive amounts applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute local streams and recreational waterways.



Conserve Water

- Conduct a water audit at my home, and replace inefficient toilets, shower heads and other fixtures.
- Install a rain barrel to harvest rainwater for outdoor use.
- Fix leaks in toilets and faucets promptly.
- Replace turf grass with drought-tolerant landscaping or native plants.
- Install smart technology on existing irrigation systems.
- Wash full loads of dishes and laundry.



Commute Green

- Set a goal to increase the number of trips I make by transit, carpooling, walking or biking.
- Organize a "walking school-bus" to walk a group of kids to school.
- Delay my next purchase of a new vehicle, if it's possible to get more life out of my current car.
- When I decide to make a purchase, I'll investigate electric vehicles and hybrids.
- Use alternatives to air travel when possible.
- Support development that creates vibrant, higher density, mixed-use areas to reduce the need for driving.