

What Can I Do? – Taking Action on Climate Change in Maple Ridge

When We're At Work...

- ✓ Make a Climate Plan for your place of work that covers energy, water, transportation, and waste. Track your actions.
- ✓ Have an Emergency Plan in case of emergencies and extreme weather events.
- ✓ Have a back-up energy/power source in case of extreme weather.
- ✓ Find out what insurance coverage you have and to what types of events due to extreme weather.
- ✓ Undertake an energy audit and identify better energy management practices.
- ✓ Turn off lights when not needed or use timers, occupancy sensors, or natural light when possible.
- ✓ Turning off equipment and unplug when not in use to discourage phantom power usage. If you can't turn off your computer, just turn off the screen as it uses over 50% of the total energy needed to run a computer.
- ✓ Switch to LEDS or high energy efficiency lighting.
- ✓ Turn on energy efficient settings on equipment ex. Eco Print, EnergyStar setting for monitors, air-dry setting on dishwashers, etc.
- ✓ Turning down/up thermostats or use a programmable thermostat to reduce heating and cooling requirements seasonally or while buildings are unoccupied.
- ✓ Monitor your energy bills – when you notice an increase in your bills, you may be able to tie it to something at work and make changes to save money and reduce energy consumption.
- ✓ Consider taking public transit, biking, walking carpooling or signing up for a carshare membership to reduce your personal transportation emissions.
- ✓ Monitor fuel consumption in your fleet and personal vehicles – when you notice an increase in your bills, you may need to service your vehicle, put air in your tires, or change your oil.
- ✓ Monitor the idling time of your vehicles, reducing idling or turning off your engine saves fuel and lowers health impacting air emissions.
- ✓ Pack litterless lunches using containers and reusable bags.
- ✓ Eat local produce for lunch or work events.
- ✓ Consider proper grading to allow water to flow through and away from buildings.
- ✓ Fix any leaks in pipes or taps to reduce wasting water.
- ✓ Plant trees or shrubs to provide shade and increase water retention.
- ✓ Consider plant and window coverings to increase shade and cooling.
- ✓ Undertake a waste audit and identify better waste management practices.
- ✓ Find efficiency in production and consider new products from waste products.
- ✓ Spread the word and engage and reward employees taking action.