

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

When We're On The Move...

- ✓ Walk or cycle when you can and where you can. If your trip is less than 5km leave the car at home.
- ✓ Take public transit, Translink and Skytrain or West Coast Express for work.
- ✓ Organize your errands and shopping trips so that you can make fewer trips.
- ✓ Ride share with others to work.
- ✓ If you need a vehicle, purchase a fuel efficient economical vehicle that meets your need or consider an electric vehicle if you can.
- ✓ Don't idle your vehicle, if you plan to be parked for more than 10 seconds switch off your car to save fuel and reduce emissions.
- ✓ Keep informed on weather, road repairs and closures
- ✓ Have an Emergency Car Kit handy.
- ✓ Top up your tires regularly and give your bike a thorough maintenance check once a year.
- ✓ Slow down! For every 10km over 100km/h you drive, you lose approximately 10% of your fuel efficiency.
- ✓ When driving on the highway, keeping a steady speed uses less fuel. Accelerate smoothly and avoid hard braking by leaving room between your car and the one in front.
- ✓ Every extra hundred pounds reduces fuel efficiency by up to 2%, so keep your trunk clear of unnecessary items, and in the winter remove all snow and ice.
- ✓ Just one tire under-inflated by 8 psi can increase fuel consumption by 4%, and reduce the life of the tire by 15,000km. Check the pressure once a month.
- ✓ Keeping your vehicle in tune can reduce fuel consumption by up to 15% and smog causing emissions by even more. Follow the schedule in your owners' manual.
- ✓ Monitor fuel consumption in your 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.
- ✓ When taking shorter vacation trips, avoid flying on a plane and take a train or bus instead.