

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

When We're At School....

- ✓ Walk or bike to school or take public transit.
- ✓ When dropping your kids off at school, don't idle your engine. Switch off your car to save fuel and reduce emissions. Plus, all those kids are walking through your cars pollution and emissions on their way into school.
- ✓ Keep informed on weather, road repairs and closures.
- ✓ Make a Climate Plan for your school that covers energy, water, transportation, and waste. Track your actions.
- ✓ Reduce energy usage.
- ✓ Turn off lights when not needed or use timers, occupancy sensors, or natural light when possible.
- ✓ Turn off computers when finished.
- ✓ Do a waste audit of your school waste.
- ✓ Reduce waste and reuse whenever you can.
- ✓ Save water by turning off the tap.
- ✓ Have an Emergency Plan in case of emergencies and extreme weather events.
- ✓ Plant trees to reduce emissions, provide shade, and increase water retention.
- ✓ Plant a vegetable garden for local produce.
- ✓ Eat local produce for lunch.
- ✓ Pack litterless lunches using containers and reusable bags.
- ✓ Spread the word – share your Eco Tips with friends and family
- ✓ Do a class project on climate change and what we can do locally.