

# Climate Change

## Things You Can Do to Make a Difference

### 1. Getting around



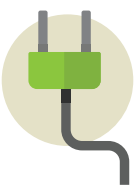
Drive less and don't idle. Walk, use public transit, cycle, car-pool/car share.

### 2. Around the house



Build/buy an energy efficient home, retrofit your home (install a high efficiency furnace and air conditioner, improve insulation, upgrade windows, seal the home), reduce your water use.

### 3. Use energy wisely



Unplug computers/electronics, turn off the lights, hang clothes to dry, install a smart thermostat, consider switching to LED lighting throughout your home and when able buy energy efficient products.

### 4 What you buy



Buy products and services that are renewable/sustainably sourced.

### 5. Food stuff



Consider eating less meat, throw away less food by using the City of Stratford's Green Bin program, grow your own food or alternatively take part in a community garden program.

### 6. Zero waste



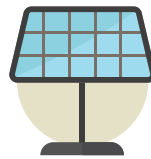
Consume less, divert more, reduce single use plastic, bring reusable coffee mugs/water bottles and shop with reusable bags. Use the textile recycling program at the landfill.

### 7. Become climate resilient



Prepare for extreme weather events, weather-proof your home from wind/rain, have a 72-hour preparedness kit and emergency numbers handy.

### 8. Invest in renewables



Consider solar hot water heating for swimming pools, solar PV for homes.

### 9. Talk about it



Share information and stories with friends and neighbours about how to take action on climate change.

### 10. Take action



Participate in community clean-ups and green-ups, plant a tree, add some pollinator-friendly plants to your garden.