**Climate Ready Checklist**

This checklist gives ideas for actions that can help you adapt to or mitigate climate change. It can be used to find ideas to make your home climate ready; for community workshops to identify possible community projects, identify business opportunities; or to design a comprehensive local, provincial or national plan. The goal is to map out a course of action that improves our lives at the same time as it reduces our carbon footprint.

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| Benefits Key | | Check List | |
| 🌩 | extreme weather preparation | 🎔 | Are there products or services that help make it easy to act? |
| 💰 | save money | $ | Is there funding support for this action? |
| ☺ | improve quality of life | **Notes** | * Solutions, products, support, project ideas, etc. |
| 🌎 | climate friendly |  | * Things to look for, either for yourself or in your community. |
| 🛠 | Green jobs |  | * Edit the notes or add in weblinks of interest for products, services, incentives, or funding |

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| Action | Top Benefits | 🎔 | $ | Notes |
| Extreme Weather |  |  |  |  |
| * Backup power | 🌩 |  |  | * Batteries charged via solar or off-peak power * Camp stove/BBQ for outdoor cooking * Generator for larger buildings |
| * Backup heat | 🌩 |  |  | * High efficiency wood stove * Portable gas heater (with CO detector) |
| * Natural cooling | 🌩💰 |  |  | * Shade trees, curtains, night air flow |
| * Storm drainage and flood water | 🌩 |  |  | * Downspout disconnection, rain barrel and overflow drainage * Stormwater retention areas for communities/rural areas |
| * Non-perishable food and water | 🌩 |  |  | * Emergency supplies * No-power recipes |
| * Emergency kit | 🌩 |  |  | * Find the recommended emergency kit for your region |
| * Community plan | 🌩 |  |  | * A community plan for extreme weather events |
| * Community emergency centre | 🌩 |  |  | * Designate community buildings and organizations as emergency centres |
| * Community crisis volunteers | 🌩 |  |  | * Organizations with professionals and volunteers to assist vulnerable populations and the public |

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| Energy |  |  |  |  |
| * Conservation | 💰☺🛠 |  |  | * Energy audit * Efficient lighting and appliances * Draft proofing and insulation * Conserver habits |
| * Solar power or heat | 🌎🌩🛠 |  |  | * Passive solar for hot water * Photovoltaic solar for home or to feed into the grid * Purchase green power at a premium |
| * Wind power | 🌎🌩🛠 |  |  | * Co-op or community power * Small scale personal use * Purchase green power at a premium |
| * Geothermal power | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Vertical for small buildings * Horizontal for large areas |
| * Other green power | 🌎🛠 |  |  | * Water, tidal, energy storage |
| Transportation | | | | |
| * Walk or cycle | ☺🌩 |  |  | * Active and Safe routes to School * Cycle lanes and routes * Practice safe cycling (and driving) |
| * Public transit | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Download an app for route schedules and times in your municipality |
| * Car-sharing | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Find the car-sharing companies in your municipality |
| * Car pooling | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Look for car pooling information in your municipality |
| * Fuel efficient vehicle | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Hybrid, electric, or fuel-efficient cars |
| * Transportation mix | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Create your own transportation mix. See how much you can save and still get from A to B with ease and style * Design community transportation needs, including walkable village centres, safe cycling and urban/regional transit and commuting |
| Food | | | | |
| * Local and sustainable | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Support local farmers and agro-tourism * Eat seasonal foods * Host community events to celebrate good food and learn new recipes |
| * Community gardens | 🌎💰 |  |  | * Grow your own food * Create a community kitchen or pizza oven |
| * Farmers’ markets | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Support local farmers’ markets |
| * Organic food | 🌎🛠 |  |  | * Support organic or ethically grown food (especially livestock) |
| * Vegetarian food | 🌎💰 |  |  | * Save money and learn new recipes for vegetarian meals |

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| Jobs and the Economy | | | | |
| * Innovation | 🛠 |  |  | * Look for innovative ideas – products and services that will help us live better with less * Create community innovation centres to support social and economic entrepreneurs |
| * Youth employment | 🛠 |  |  | * Provide summer jobs for youth that will provide practical experience in the new green economy |
| * Green jobs | 🛠 |  |  | * Support jobs in a green economy, including energy conservation, renewable power, education and culture, and value-added skills that emphasize quality and durability |
| * Local economy | 🛠 |  |  | * Shop local. Support a complex, value-added local economy. |
| Community | | | | |
| * Arts and culture | 💰🛠 |  |  | * Celebrate local culture, arts, music as part of the fabric of a vibrant, livable community |
| * Greenspace | 🌩☺🌎 |  |  | * Enhance local greenspace and streets. Plant trees and create habitat for wildlife * Enjoy urban parks and greenspace as a place for recreation and community events |
| * Urban Design | 🛠☺💰 |  |  | * Take an active role in planning a climate-friendly community * Support village centres, amenities, and a vibrant and diverse economy and culture. |
| * Community action plan | ☺🛠🌎 |  |  | * Get involved with local groups and community projects * Create a community network and an action plan for your community |