**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.
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| 🌎 | climate friendly |  | * Things to look for, either for yourself or in your community.
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| 🛠 | 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
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| * Backup heat
 | 🌩 |  |  | * High efficiency wood stove
* Portable gas heater (with CO detector)
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| * Natural cooling
 | 🌩💰 |  |  | * Shade trees, curtains, night air flow
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| * Storm drainage and flood water
 | 🌩 |  |  | * Downspout disconnection, rain barrel and overflow drainage
* Stormwater retention areas for communities/rural areas
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| * Non-perishable food and water
 | 🌩 |  |  | * Emergency supplies
* No-power recipes
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| * Emergency kit
 | 🌩 |  |  | * Find the recommended emergency kit for your region
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| * Community plan
 | 🌩 |  |  | * A community plan for extreme weather events
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| * Community emergency centre
 | 🌩 |  |  | * Designate community buildings and organizations as emergency centres
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| * 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
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| * 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
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| * Wind power
 | 🌎🌩🛠 |  |  | * Co-op or community power
* Small scale personal use
* Purchase green power at a premium
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| * Geothermal power
 | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Vertical for small buildings
* Horizontal for large areas
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| * Other green power
 | 🌎🛠 |  |  | * Water, tidal, energy storage
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| Transportation |
| * Walk or cycle
 | ☺🌩 |  |  | * Active and Safe routes to School
* Cycle lanes and routes
* Practice safe cycling (and driving)
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| * Public transit
 | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Download an app for route schedules and times in your municipality
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| * Car-sharing
 | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Find the car-sharing companies in your municipality
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| * Car pooling
 | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Look for car pooling information in your municipality
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| * Fuel efficient vehicle
 | 💰🌎 |  |  | * Hybrid, electric, or fuel-efficient cars
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| * 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
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| Food |
| * Local and sustainable
 | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Support local farmers and agro-tourism
* Eat seasonal foods
* Host community events to celebrate good food and learn new recipes
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| * Community gardens
 | 🌎💰 |  |  | * Grow your own food
* Create a community kitchen or pizza oven
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| * Farmers’ markets
 | 🌎💰🛠 |  |  | * Support local farmers’ markets
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| * Organic food
 | 🌎🛠 |  |  | * Support organic or ethically grown food (especially livestock)
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| * 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
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| * Youth employment
 | 🛠 |  |  | * Provide summer jobs for youth that will provide practical experience in the new green economy
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| * 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
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| * Local economy
 | 🛠 |  |  | * Shop local. Support a complex, value-added local economy.
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| Community |
| * Arts and culture
 | 💰🛠 |  |  | * Celebrate local culture, arts, music as part of the fabric of a vibrant, livable community
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| * 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
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| * Urban Design
 | 🛠☺💰 |  |  | * Take an active role in planning a climate-friendly community
* Support village centres, amenities, and a vibrant and diverse economy and culture.
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| * Community action plan
 | ☺🛠🌎 |  |  | * Get involved with local groups and community projects
* Create a community network and an action plan for your community
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