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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.













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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solutions, products, support, project ideas, etc.
	climate friendly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Things to look for, either for yourself or in your community.
	Green jobs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit the notes or add in weblinks of interest for products, services, incentives, or funding

Action	Top Benefits			Notes
Extreme Weather				
<input type="checkbox"/> Backup power				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries charged via solar or off-peak power Camp stove/BBQ for outdoor cooking Generator for larger buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> Backup heat				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High efficiency wood stove Portable gas heater (with CO detector)
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural cooling	 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shade trees, curtains, night air flow
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm drainage and flood water				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downspout disconnection, rain barrel and overflow drainage Stormwater retention areas for communities/rural areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food and water				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency supplies No-power recipes
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency kit				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find the recommended emergency kit for your region
<input type="checkbox"/> Community plan				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community plan for extreme weather events
<input type="checkbox"/> Community emergency centre				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate community buildings and organizations as emergency centres
<input type="checkbox"/> Community crisis volunteers				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations with professionals and volunteers to assist vulnerable populations and the public













Energy

<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy audit • Efficient lighting and appliances • Draft proofing and insulation • Conserver habits
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar power or heat	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive solar for hot water • Photovoltaic solar for home or to feed into the grid • Purchase green power at a premium
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind power	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op or community power • Small scale personal use • Purchase green power at a premium
<input type="checkbox"/> Geothermal power	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertical for small buildings • Horizontal for large areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Other green power	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, tidal, energy storage





Transportation

<input type="checkbox"/> Walk or cycle	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and Safe routes to School • Cycle lanes and routes • Practice safe cycling (and driving)
<input type="checkbox"/> Public transit	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download an app for route schedules and times in your municipality
<input type="checkbox"/> Car-sharing	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find the car-sharing companies in your municipality
<input type="checkbox"/> Car pooling	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for car pooling information in your municipality
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel efficient vehicle	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid, electric, or fuel-efficient cars
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation mix	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Local and sustainable	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local farmers and agro-tourism • Eat seasonal foods • Host community events to celebrate good food and learn new recipes
<input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow your own food • Create a community kitchen or pizza oven
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' markets	  		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local farmers' markets
<input type="checkbox"/> Organic food	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support organic or ethically grown food (especially livestock)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian food	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save money and learn new recipes for vegetarian meals

Jobs and the Economy

<input type="checkbox"/> Innovation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth employment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide summer jobs for youth that will provide practical experience in the new green economy
<input type="checkbox"/> Green jobs			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support jobs in a green economy, including energy conservation, renewable power, education and culture, and value-added skills that emphasize quality and durability
<input type="checkbox"/> Local economy			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop local. Support a complex, value-added local economy.

Community

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and culture			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate local culture, arts, music as part of the fabric of a vibrant, livable community
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenspace			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Design			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an active role in planning a climate-friendly community • Support village centres, amenities, and a vibrant and diverse economy and culture.
<input type="checkbox"/> Community action plan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved with local groups and community projects • Create a community network and an action plan for your community