

Small steps to help make Vancouver the cleanest, greenest, healthiest city in the world.

CLIMATE PROTECTION ACTION TIPS

On the move

Leave your vehicle at home

If you drive to work five days a week, leaving your vehicle at home for one of those days means you cut your driving by 20%.

- Dust off those walking shoes, get on that bike or hop on the bus. translink.bc.ca
- Get to know your neighbours and coworkers by setting up a carpool. ride-share.com
- Instead of owning a vehicle, share one and save money! cooperativeauto.net, zipcar.com

Inflate your tires

An improperly inflated tire can reduce fuel economy, increase tire wear and could be a safety hazard.

- Recommended tire pressures can normally be found inside the driver's door frame or on the fuel cap.
- The pressure shown on the tire itself is a maximum safe pressure.

Turn off your parked vehicle

Idling for more than 10 seconds will waste more fuel than turning off your engine and restarting it. Idling can also lead to maintenance problems, engine deposits and fines from the City. idlefree.ca

Buy a fuel efficient car

You can save thousands of dollars on your vehicle's purchase price as well as annual fuel bills by buying a smaller, more efficient daily-use one. So when shopping, don't forget to look at the EnerGuide label. oee.nrcan.gc.ca

At home

Install a programmable thermostat or lower it by 3°C

For every 1°C you lower your thermostat, you save 2–3% on your heating bill. Programmable thermostats are available at your local hardware store and installation is easier than you think.

Install low-flow shower heads

Hot water accounts for a quarter of home energy use and hot showers are a main culprit. A low-flow shower head uses 60% less hot water and could save you \$200 a year (for a family of three that showers daily). Vancouverites purchase a complete water saver kit from City Hall for only \$12.

Switch to cold water washing

Between 80 and 90% of the energy used to wash clothes goes into heating water. New detergents have been developed to work in colder water. bchydro.com/powersmart

Get an home energy evaluation

A home energy evaluation will give you unbiased and professional advice on what you can do to reduce your monthly utility bills while making your home more comfortable and healthier. Energy assessors can also provide you with information about current government and utility rebate programs. livesmartbc.ca/homes