

ClimateWest Forum

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TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 territory and the Métis homeland. For centuries, a diversity of Indigenous people and their ancestors have marked this territory, such as: nêhiyaw, Dene, Anishinaabe, Nakota Isga, Niitsitapi and Inuit.

The well-being of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations and all people who live within the boundaries of Edmonton is a shared responsibility.

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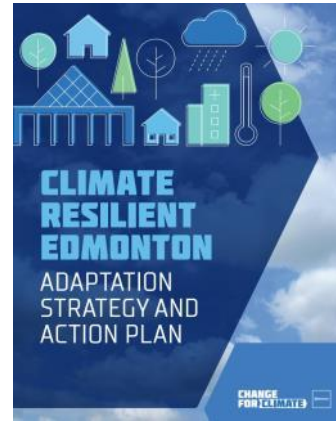
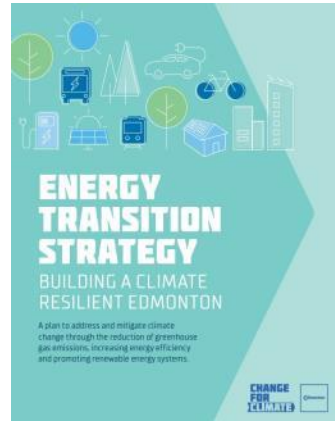
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Climate Change Strategies

Mitigation + Adaptation

MITIGATION

action to reduce emissions that cause climate change

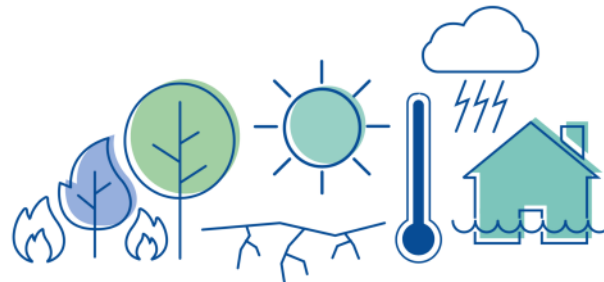
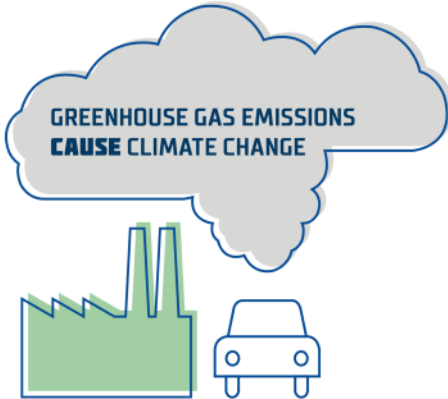


ADAPTATION

action to manage the risks of climate change impacts

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS EDMONTON

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
CAUSE CLIMATE CHANGE



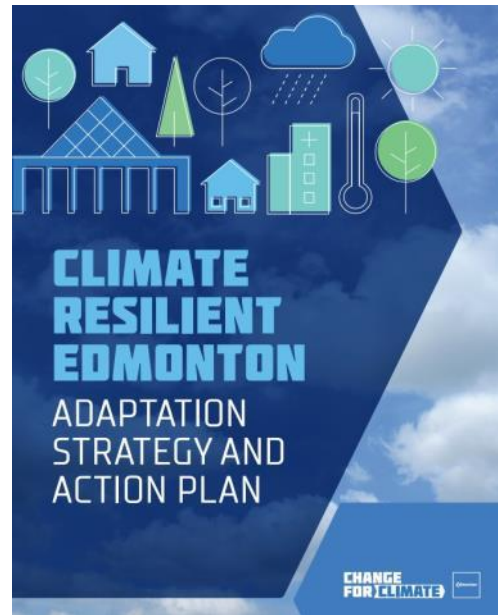
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CLIMATE RESILIENT EDMONTON: ADAPTATION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Pathway 1, Goal 3, Action 6:

The City of Edmonton, in partnership with community stakeholders, develops and implements a community scale and household climate change readiness program.



Neighbouring for Climate Toolkit

Neighbouring for Climate

is a City of Edmonton initiative to bring neighbours together to take action on climate change.

PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

Action Focussed

Focus on 'things to do', rather than climate change education.

Easy & Tangible

Help neighbours tackle simple, achievable changes together.

Inclusive & Accessible

Include actions that anyone can do, regardless of age, ability, or resources available.

Sharable

Create a program that neighbours can use together and spread to others.

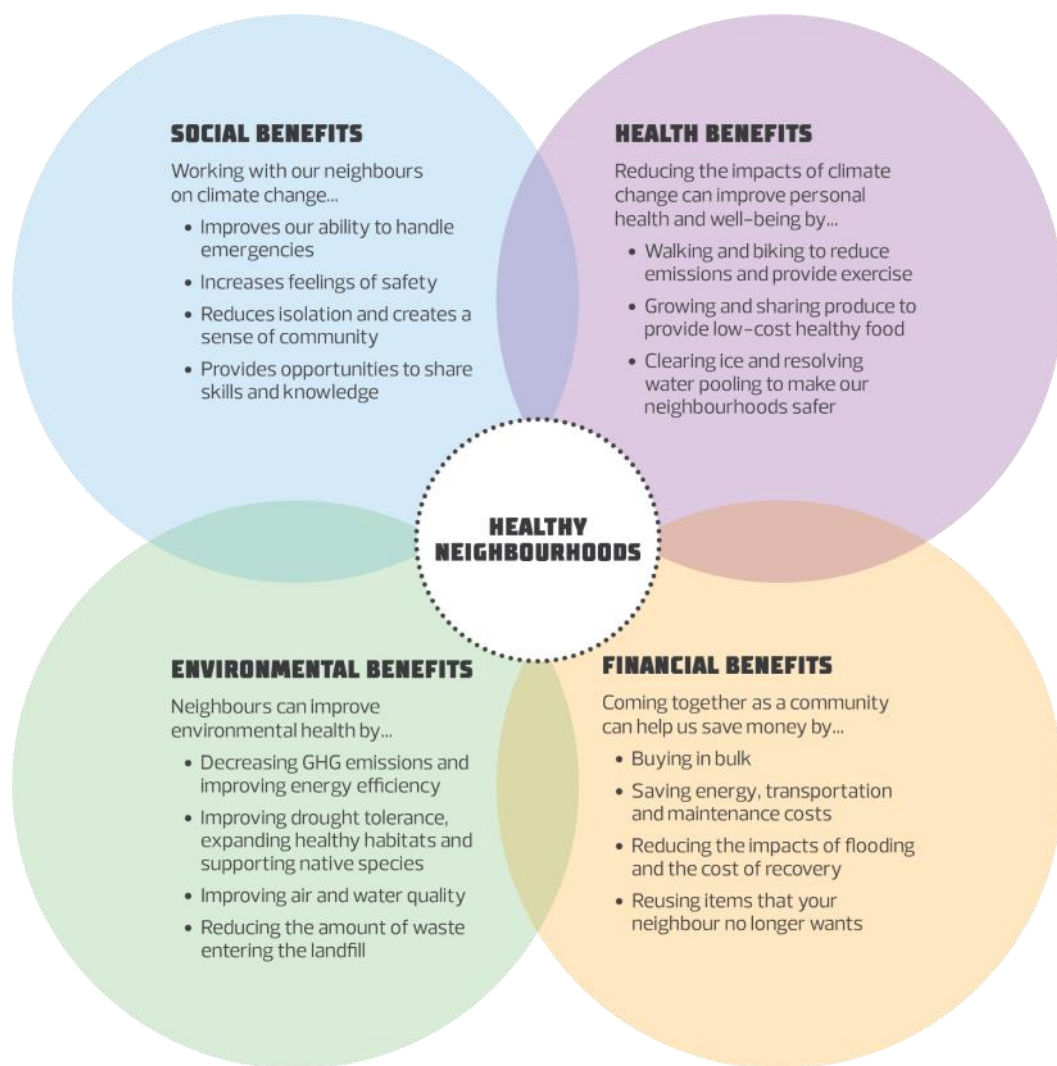
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Find ways to spotlight the actions neighbours are taking together on an ongoing basis.

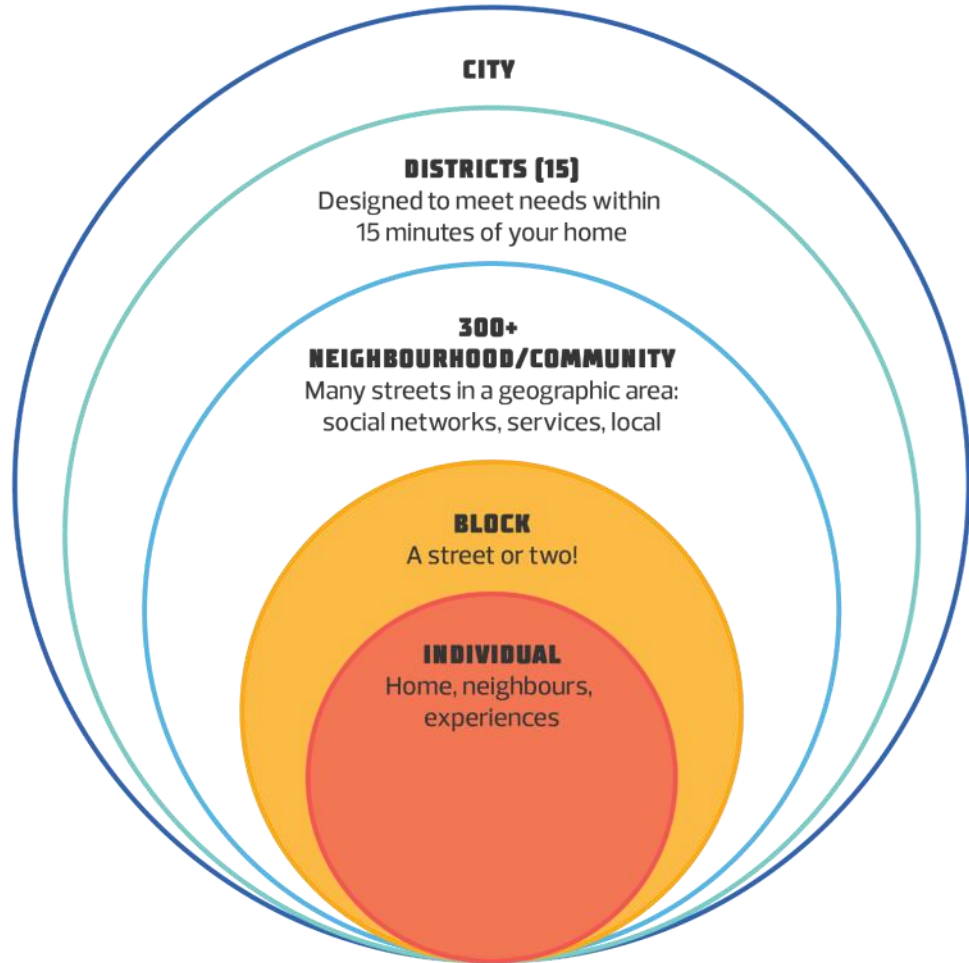
Beyond Climate

Highlight benefits and use language that sparks interest beyond just climate action.

WHY SHOULD WE GET NEIGHBOURING FOR CLIMATE?



KEEP IT CLOSE



TOOLKIT CONTENTS



GUIDEBOOK

Instructions to help you and your neighbours to select Action Cards and get started



ACTION CARDS

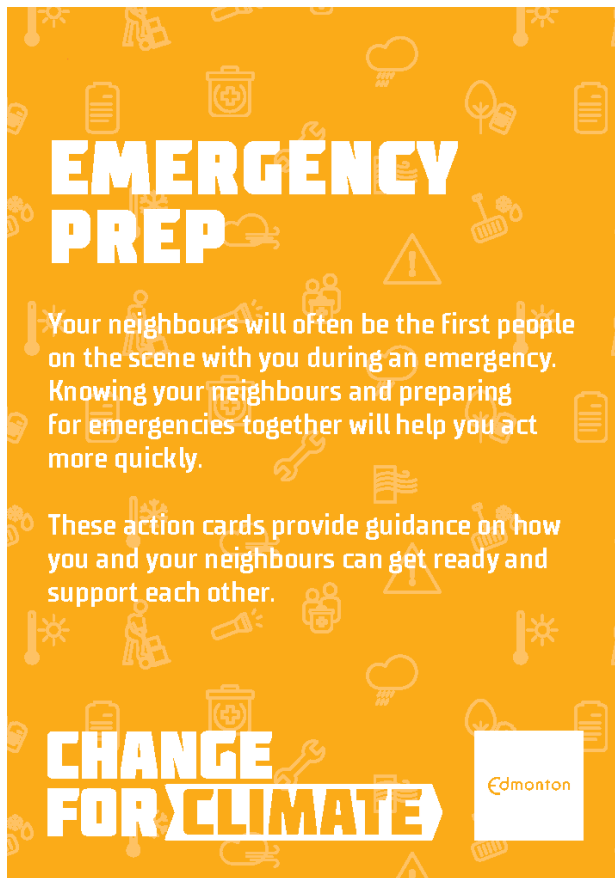
Card deck with ideas to act on climate change with your neighbours



ONLINE HUB

Links to additional resources to learn more at edmonton.ca/climateneighbours

TOPIC CARDS


An orange rectangular card with a pattern of small white icons related to emergency preparedness, such as a first aid kit, a lightbulb, a cloud with rain, a document, a person, a wrench, a megaphone, and a warning triangle. The text is in white and yellow.

EMERGENCY PREP

Your neighbours will often be the first people on the scene with you during an emergency. Knowing your neighbours and preparing for emergencies together will help you act more quickly.

These action cards provide guidance on how you and your neighbours can get ready and support each other.

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A white square containing the word "Edmonton" in a blue sans-serif font.

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TOPIC CARDS

STARTER ACTIONS

Taking the first step can be a learning and building opportunity, creating a valuable place to start and making it more comfortable.

These action cards will help you know where to start if you don't know your neighbours or are new to the community-related work.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It's often easier to prepare when you do it with your neighbours together.

These cards provide ideas for how to prepare.

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NATURE & PLANTS

It's important for our environment and animals to have clean water, good soil, and healthy plants.

These cards offer ways to improve our plants and climate.

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FOOD SECURITY

Food security supports the health and well-being of all neighbours with access to healthy, affordable food. This can be achieved by growing and sharing food locally.

These action cards provide ideas to increase access to food close to home for you and your neighbours.

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ENERGY & FUEL SAVINGS

Improving energy efficiency can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower energy and fuel bills.

These action cards encourage neighbours to work together to use sustainable transportation and retrofit their homes with renewable energy, better insulation and other options to increase efficiency.

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WASTE & WATER

Local actions can make a big difference in how waste and water are handled.

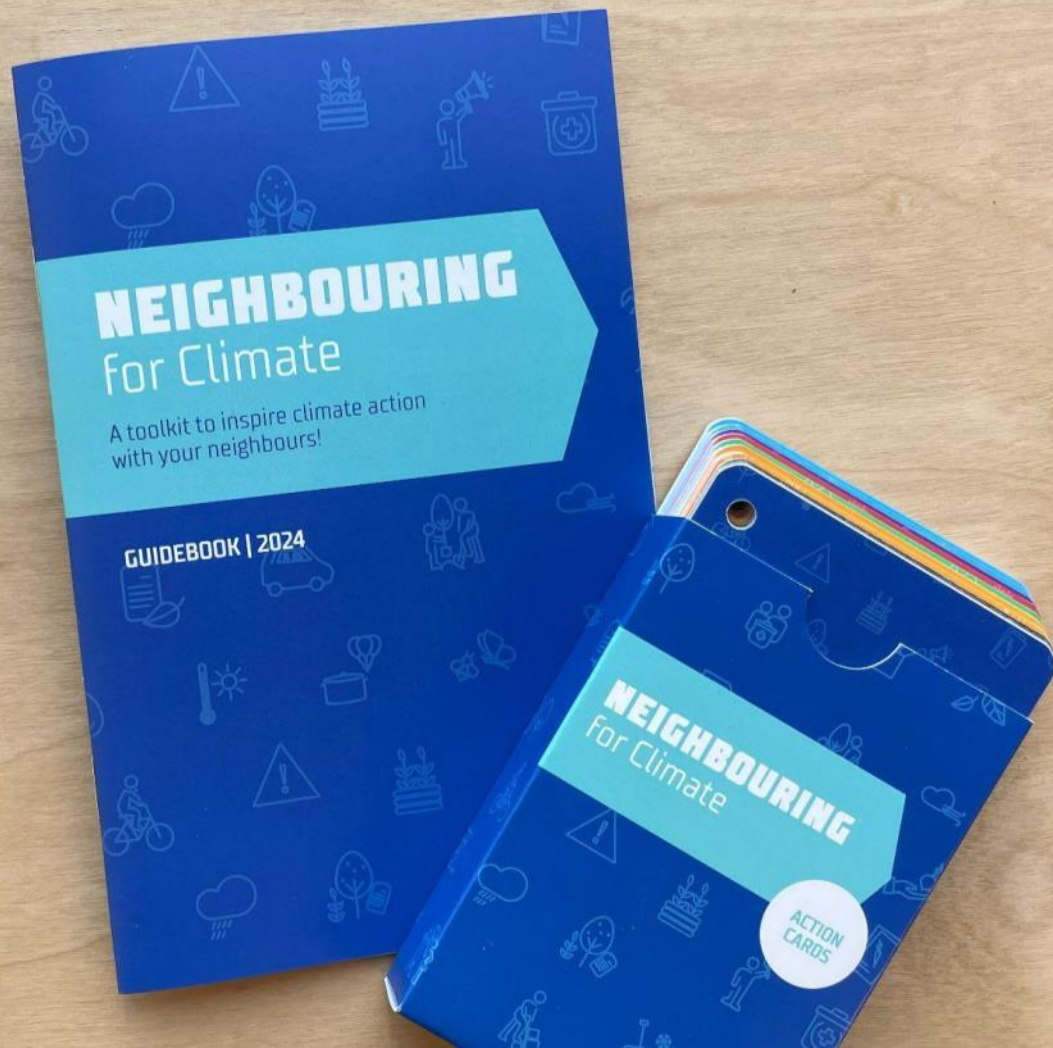
These action cards provide ways for you and your neighbours to reduce waste, share resources and conserve water.

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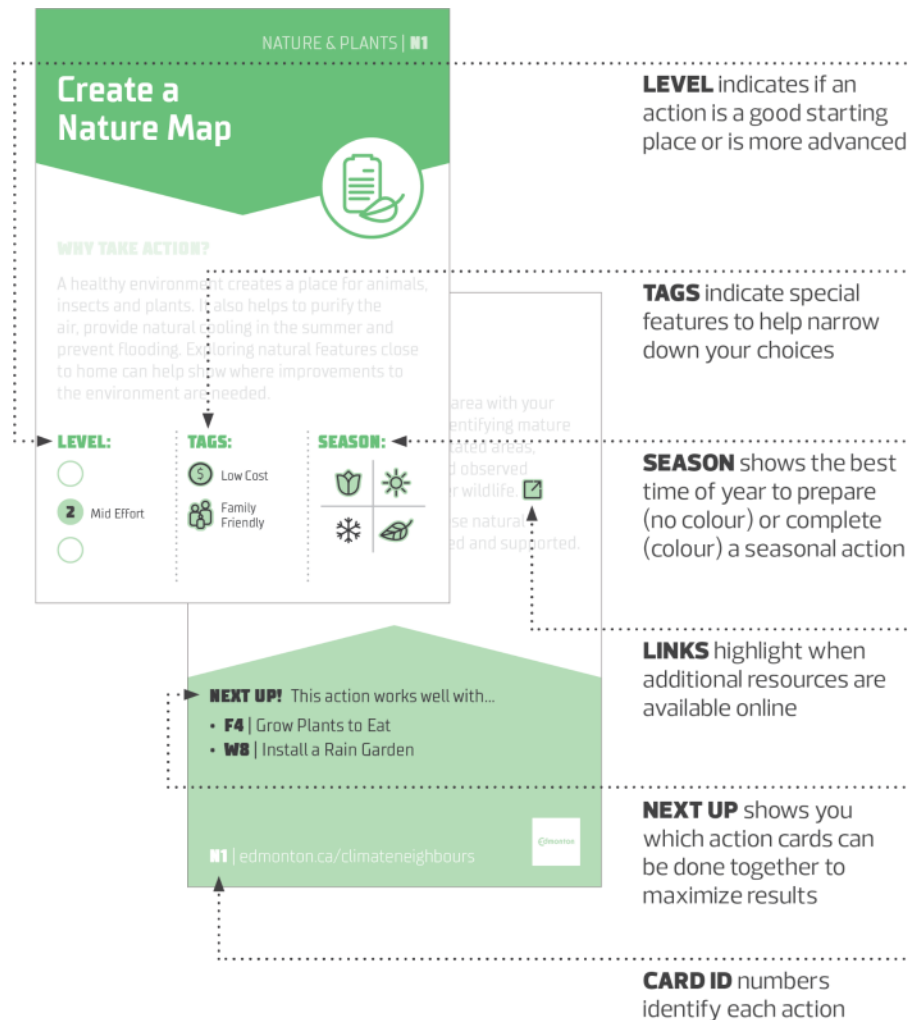
How to use the Action Cards

GUIDEBOOK




A stack of colorful cards, including a blue card titled "NEIGHBOURING for Climate" and an orange card titled "CHANGE FOR CLIMATE", both featuring icons and text related to climate action. The blue card also includes the text "A toolkit to inspire climate action with your neighbours!" and "ACTION CARDS". The orange card has the year "2024" and the text "CHANGE FOR CLIMATE". The cards are fanned out, showing various colors like blue, green, red, and orange.









ACTION CARD ANATOMY



STARTER ACTIONS

STARTER ACTION 1	STARTER ACTION 2	STARTER ACTION 3	STARTER CARD 54
<h2>Get to Know Your Neighbours</h2>	<h2>Learn About Climate Change</h2>	<h2>Become a Climate Change Advocate</h2>	<h2>Explore Local Assets</h2> 
<h3>WHY TAKE ACTION?</h3> <p>Good relationships with neighbours can increase feelings of safety and comfort. They can increase social well-being and lead to stronger friendships. Knowing your neighbours can help you recover from local emergencies together.</p>	<h3>WHY TAKE ACTION?</h3> <p>Our climate is already changing locally and globally. Learning about ways to reduce impacts and adapt to a changing climate is the first step towards action.</p>	<h3>WHY TAKE ACTION?</h3> <p>Every neighbourhood needs someone to take the first step. Embrace continuous learning and use your knowledge and passion to inspire others to join you in taking action close to home.</p>	<h3>WHY TAKE ACTION?</h3> <p>Every community is unique. To take action effectively, it is important to know what conditions exist and what assets you and your neighbours have available.</p>
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ONLINE MATERIALS | edmonton.ca/climateneighbours

 STARTER GUIDE	 STARTER ACTIONS	 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	 NATURE & PLANTS
Starter Guide Instruction booklet that explains how to use the action cards.	Starter Actions Ideas to help you get the ball rolling if you're new to working with your neighbours.	Emergency Preparedness Getting to know your neighbours and preparing for emergencies together will help you act and recover more quickly.	Nature and Plants Ideas on how to encourage healthy habitats that support biodiversity with your neighbours.
 FOOD SECURITY	 ENERGY & FUEL SAVINGS	 WASTE & WATER	 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Food Security Food security supports all neighbours in accessing healthy, affordable food by encouraging growing and sharing food locally.	Energy and Fuel Savings Ways to work together to try alternative transportation modes and retrofit your homes to include renewable energy sources.	Waste and Water Local actions can make a big difference in how water is managed and waste is disposed of.	Additional Resources Links to other websites, tools, and guides to help you take action.



Print-at-home Templates

Below are some additional materials that you can print at home to help you start-up a conversation or complete an action.

 Conversation Tips Instructions to help you connect with your neighbours.	 Posters Put up a poster in a shared area to encourage others to join you.	 Postcard for Neighbours Invite your neighbours to work with you by printing and dropping off a postcard.	 Neighbourhood Inventory Checklist Print to fill out the form together with your neighbours.
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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STARTER CARDS: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Click the underlined text below to learn more. 

S1 | Get to Know Your Neighbours

Keep Neighbouring: A grassroots initiative fostering neighbour-to-neighbour relationships in Edmonton.
<https://edmonton.ca/keepneighbouring>

Resilient Streets Toolkit | Building Resilient Neighbourhoods: A collaborative effort to help create more resilient communities and neighbourhoods in BC.
https://resilientneighbourhoods.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Resilient_Streets_Toolkit.pdf

S2 | Learn About Climate Change

Change for Climate
<https://changeformclimate.ca>

Climate Change in Canada | Climate Atlas of Canada
<https://climateatlas.ca>

Eco-grief: How to cope with the emotional impacts of climate change
<https://calgary.ca/news/eco-grief-how-cope-emotional-impacts-climate-change>

Edmonton's Energy Transition
<https://edmonton.ca/energytransition>

Edmonton's Climate Change Almanac
<https://edmonton.ca/climatealmanac>

Edmonton Climate Change Adaptation
<https://edmonton.ca/climate resilience>

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EMERGENCY PREP: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Click the underlined text below to learn more. 

P0 | Emergency Preparedness

Climate Change Adaptation
<https://edmonton.ca/climate resilience>

Office of Emergency Management: Contact grip@edmonton.ca & gerry.clarke@edmonton.ca
<https://edmonton.ca/emergencymanagement>

Preparing for Climate Change
https://edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/preparing-for-climate-change

P1 | Identify Local Risks

FireSmart Alberta - At Home
<https://firesmartalberta.ca/at-home>

"Characteristics of a Resilient Neighbourhood" Checklist | Building Resilient Neighbourhoods
https://www.resilientneighbourhoods.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/RN_Checklist.pdf

Neighbourhood Hazard/Risk Assessment
<https://3rd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NEPP-Hazard-Risk-Assessment-Form.pdf>

Personal Preparedness: Contact grip@edmonton.ca & gerry.clarke@edmonton.ca
<https://edmonton.ca/beprepared>

POSTCARDS & POSTERS



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Questions?

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