

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.

NEIGHBOURING for Climate

A toolkit to inspire climate action
with your neighbours!

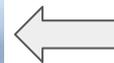
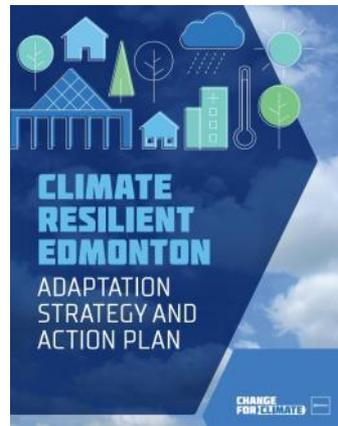
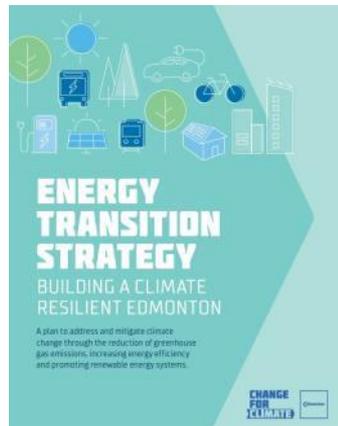
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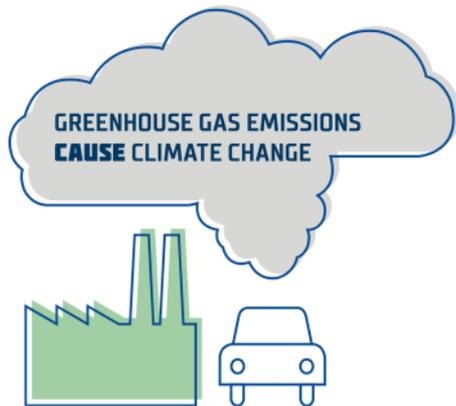
Climate Change Strategies

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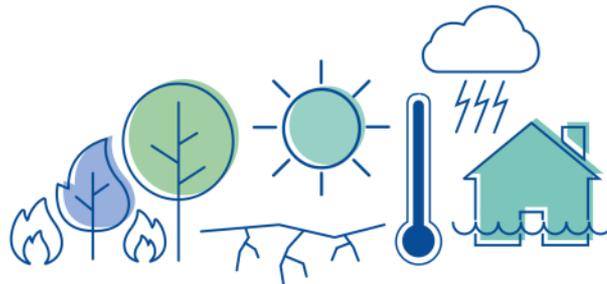
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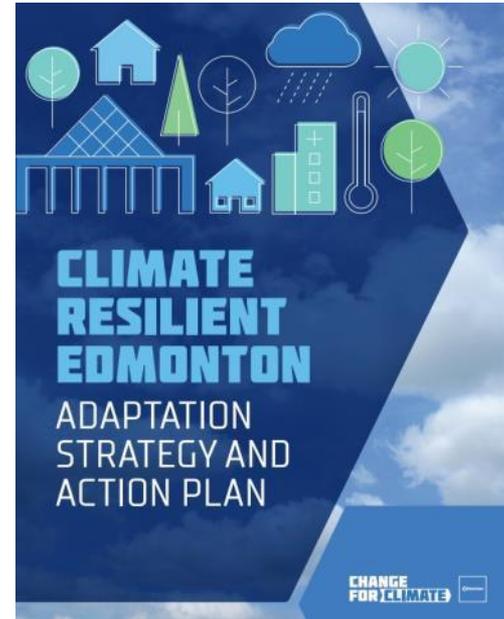
**CLIMATE CHANGE
IMPACTS EDMONTON**



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.

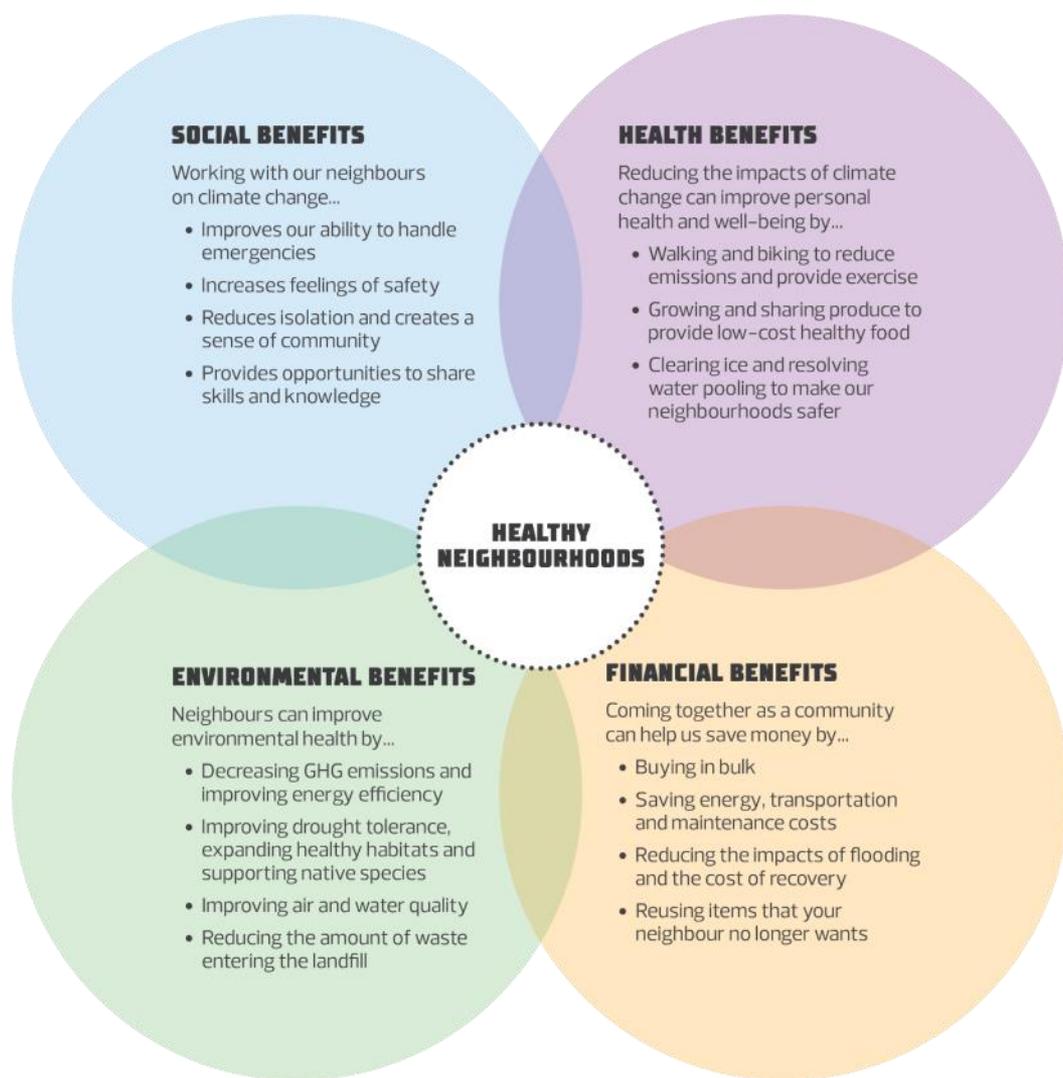
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Find ways to spotlight the actions neighbours are taking together on an ongoing basis.

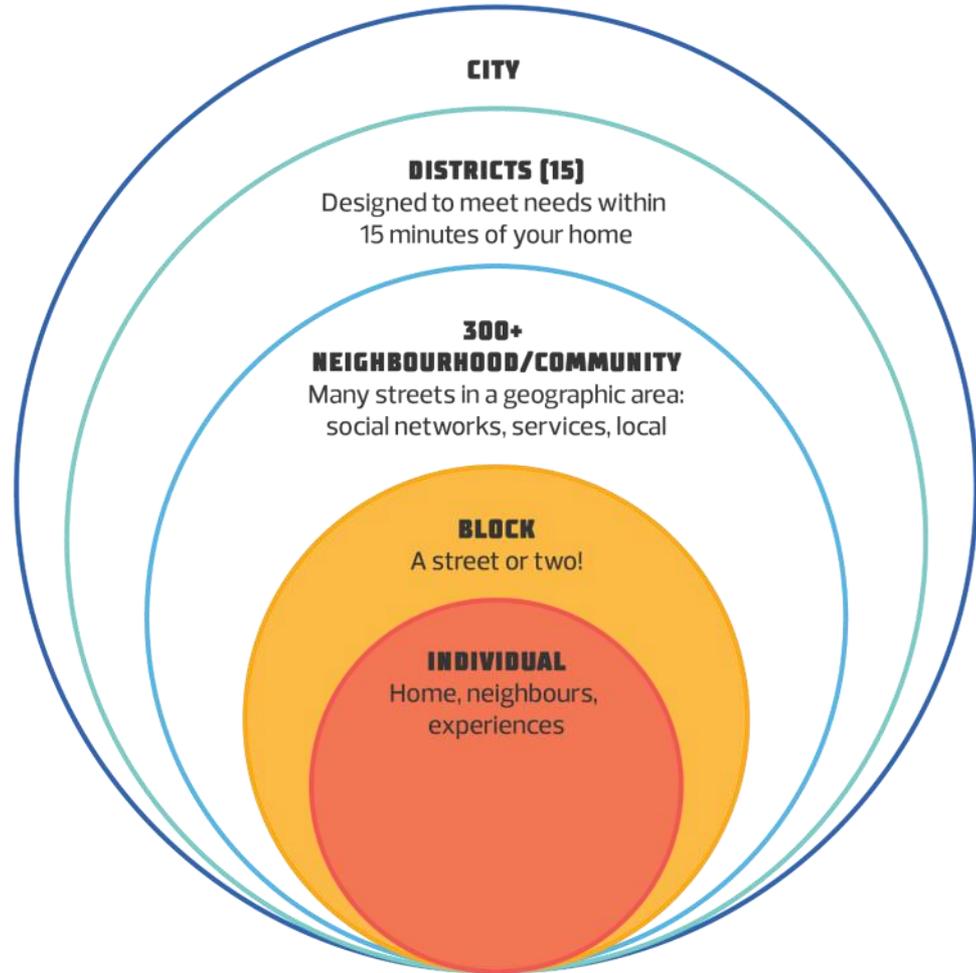
Beyond Climate

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

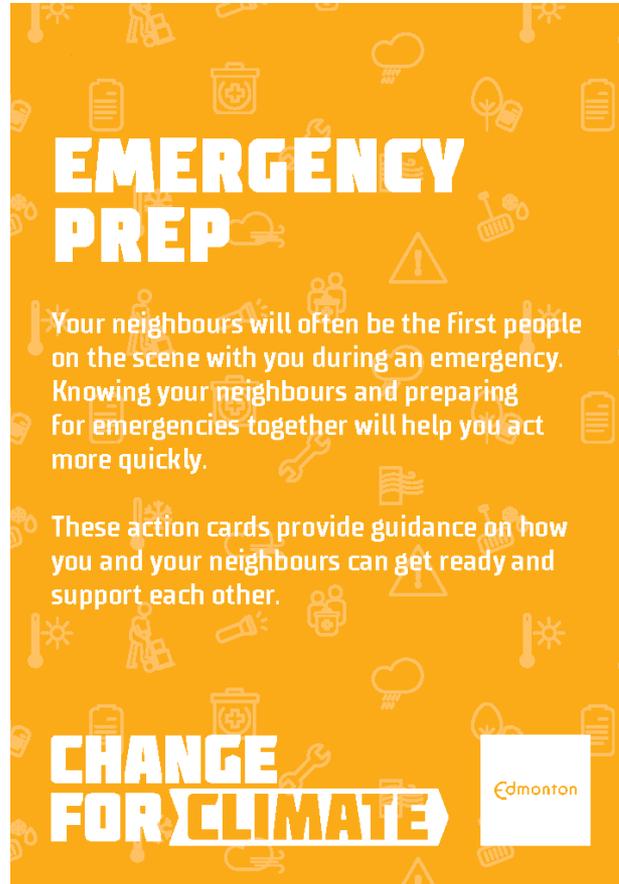
Card deck with ideas to act on climate change with your neighbours



ONLINE HUB

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

TOPIC CARDS

An orange topic card with a pattern of white icons related to emergency preparedness, such as a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, a lightbulb, a person with a backpack, a warning sign, and a document. The text is in white.

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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TOPIC CARDS

STARTER ACTIONS

Taking the first step can be challenging, but learning and building confidence in your community is a valuable place to start and become more comfortable.

These action cards will help you find where to start if you don't 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 get you and your neighbours together to plan for emergencies.

Providing information to your neighbours can help them prepare for emergencies.

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NATURE & PLANTS

Planting trees and native plants can improve air quality and reduce noise. It can also provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Offering water to plants can help them survive during dry periods.

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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

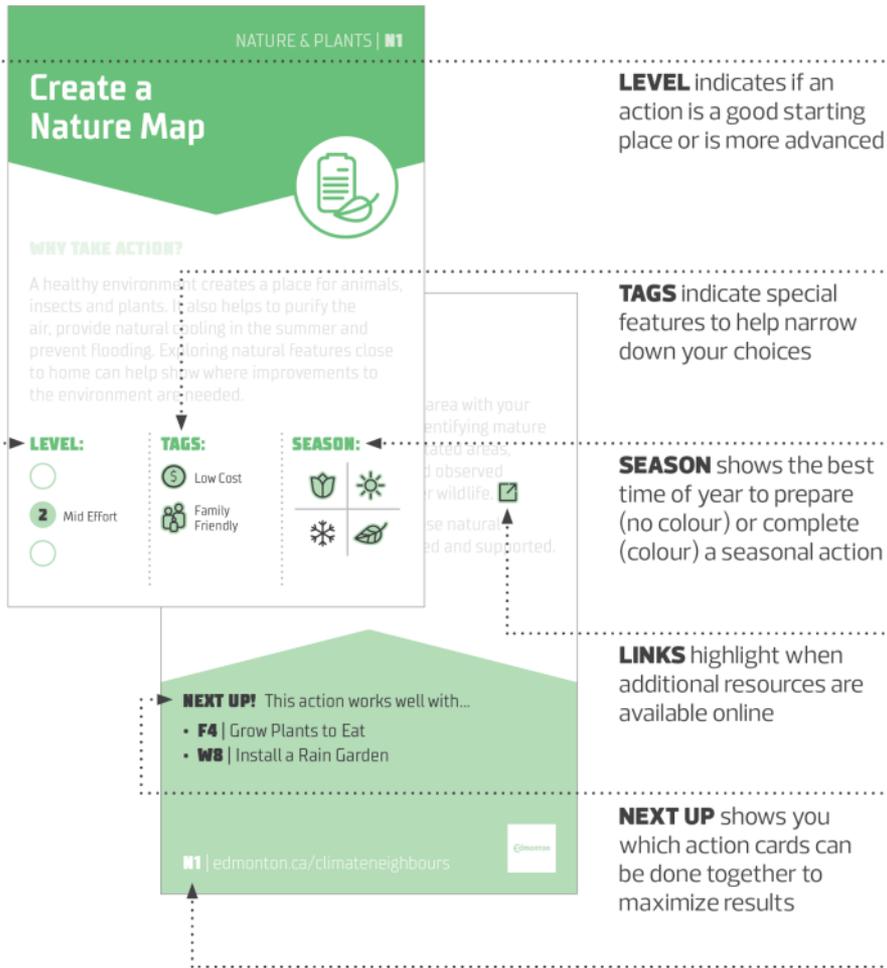
GUIDEBOOK



ACTION CARDS



ACTION CARD ANATOMY



STARTER ACTIONS

STARTER

Get to Know Your Neighbours

WHY TAKE ACTION?

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.

LEVEL:

-
- 2 Mid Effort
-

TAGS:

-  Low Cost
-  Family Friendly

SEASON:



STARTER

Learn About Climate Change

WHY TAKE ACTION?

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.

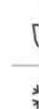
LEVEL:

- 1 Low Effort
-
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TAGS:

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SEASON:



STARTER

Become a Climate Change Advocate

WHY TAKE ACTION?

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.

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Explore Local Assets

WHY TAKE ACTION?

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.

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SEASON:



ONLINE MATERIALS | edmonton.ca/climateneighbours

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

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](https://edmonton.ca/keepneighbouring): A grassroots initiative fostering neighbour-to-neighbour relationships in Edmonton.
<https://edmonton.ca/keepneighbouring>

[Resilient Streets Toolkit | Building Resilient Neighbourhoods](https://resilientneighbourhoods.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Resilient_Streets_Toolkit.pdf): 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)
<https://changeformclimate.ca>

[Climate Change in Canada | Climate Atlas of Canada](https://climateatlas.ca)
<https://climateatlas.ca>

[Eco-grief: How to cope with the emotional impacts of climate change](https://localgary.ca/news/eco-grief-how-cope-emotional-impacts-climate-change)
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[Edmonton's Energy Transition](https://edmonton.ca/energytransition)
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[Edmonton's Climate Change Almanac](https://edmonton.ca/climatealmanac)
<https://edmonton.ca/climatealmanac>

[Edmonton Climate Change Adaptation](https://edmonton.ca/climateresilience)
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EMERGENCY PREP: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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P0 | Emergency Preparedness

[Climate Change Adaptation](https://edmonton.ca/climateresilience)
<https://edmonton.ca/climateresilience>

[Office of Emergency Management](https://edmonton.ca/emergencymanagement): 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)
https://edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/preparing-for-climate-change

P1 | Identify Local Risks

[FireSmart Alberta - At Home](https://firesmartalberta.ca/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)
https://www.resilientneighbourhoods.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/RN_Checklist.pdf

[Neighbourhood Hazard/Risk Assessment](https://brd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NEPP-Hazard-Risk-Assessment-Form.pdf)
<https://brd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NEPP-Hazard-Risk-Assessment-Form.pdf>

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

POSTCARDS & POSTERS

HELLO NEIGHBOUR!

HOW MIGHT WE HELP ONE ANOTHER IN THE CASE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY?

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REACH ME AT:

SCAN ME

Please reach out to connect or get involved!
Learn more about Neighbouring for Climate at edmonton.ca/climateneighbours

HELLO NEIGHBOUR!

LET'S CONNECT TO TAKE CLIMATE ACTION TOGETHER

GET INVOLVED!

Join us as we get **Neighbouring for Climate** to tackle projects that help to support one another and improve our neighbourhood.

Visit edmonton.ca/climateneighbours for more info about the program.

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Questions?