



Salmon Arm Strike for Climate on Friday September 20th, 2019.

Friday September 25 - Day of Climate Action

This Friday September 25 there is a “*call to action*” from a number of organizations like [Fridays for Future](#) , [Global Climate Strike](#) and 350.org, who are advocating for global climate strikes and marches. The actions will vary across the globe but this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, many of these actions will be virtual or digital. Shuswap Climate Action is **not** organizing a climate strike that requires a gathering of people, as we did in 2019. Instead, we are asking that people mark the day and use September 25 to do a personal act or begin a new routine that supports action to address climate change. Here are some suggestions:

- Walk or bike and leave the car at home;
- Purchase an outdoor clothes-drying umbrella or a retractable, clothes line or drying rack for use inside during the winter. All are easy to set up and use;
- Reduce the use of your air conditioner in summer and furnace in winter to save energy and money. Set your thermostats so that your air conditioner and furnace kick in less often;

- During hot weather, open windows, use fans and turn off air conditioners at night;
- Try a vegan recipe for dinner. Eat less meat and dairy, and use more plant-based protein;
- Talk to your friends, neighbours and family about how they will address climate change; exchange ideas and skills;
- Grow your own food. Even if you only have a small patio, you can grow pots of strawberries or tomatoes;
- Buy less, buy local and buy things that last;
- Plan your garden and yard to be more bee, bird and wildlife friendly;
- Don't use pesticides on lawns, gardens or other vegetation around your yard;
- Turn your lawn into a "carbon sink". Just Google it - there are many [articles](#) available that help you enhance the ability of your lawn to store carbon and support a diverse and healthy ecosystem;
- Plan a "staycation" instead of flying to a vacation location;
- Don't idle your vehicle; turn off the engine if you are stopping for more than 30 seconds;
- Choose a fuel efficient or electric vehicle and drive it conservatively; fuel economy is dramatically improved when speeds are moderated;
- Have your home assessed for energy efficiency and make recommended changes a priority in your budget;
- If you are renovating or building a new home, provide an outlet for an electric vehicle;
- Send a letter to your Mayor, MLA and MP asking them to make climate action and a green economic recovery a priority.

I'm sure this isn't an exhaustive list so please share your ideas!

See our post on Facebook and comment to let us know what you did September 25. I look forward to seeing your ideas and actions.

Be kind, be calm and be safe!

Shuswap Climate Action wishes to acknowledge we are on unceded and unsundered Secwépemc Nation territory.

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