



The New Brunswick Climate Change
Public Education and Outreach Hub

Le Carrefour de sensibilisation aux
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Mayors' Eco-Challenge Presurvey

Background Information

*What is your name

*What is your Municipality?

**Thank you for accepting
the Mayors' Eco-Challenge!**

Before you begin, please let us know your thoughts on taking action on climate change.
Why is taking action on climate change (for instance, by increasing energy efficiency and
reducing emissions of greenhouse gases) important to you?

How do you think you will benefit from taking on this challenge?

What barriers or hindrances to taking action on climate change might there be for you?

Please answer the following questions before you begin the Mayors' Eco-Challenge

Question 1: Green Actions

Please list the "energy-saving" or "green" actions that you and your household have already adopted:

At home

At play

On the road

Question 2: Energy Tracking

I keep track of my vehicle's fuel use:
Choose one of the following answers

- All the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- I don't really pay attention
- No answer

I keep track of my energy bills / meter:

Choose one of the following answers

- All the time – I know how much energy my household uses
- Most of the time – I know more or less what my energy bills say
- Some of the time – I check my energy bill occasionally
- I don't really pay attention
- No answer

Question 3: Your Driving Practices

Please select all of the following that apply

Check any that apply

- I check the tire pressure regularly
- I keep my tires properly inflated
- I avoid idling
- I do not exceed the speed limit
- I avoid excessive acceleration and braking (by anticipating traffic, stop lights, etc.)
- I remove roof racks when they're not needed and avoid carrying unnecessary cargo
- Plan trips (combine several errands together)
- Reduce car use (opt for walking, biking, bus)

Question 4: Transportation

Please select all of the following forms of transportation that you typically use when travelling

To work

Check any that apply

- Small car
- Large car, minivan or SUV
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Bus
- Other (describe)

For leisure in your local area

Check any that apply

- Small car
- Large car, minivan or SUV
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Bus

Other (describe)

For errands in your local area

Check any that apply

- Small car
- Large car, minivan or SUV
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Bus
- Other (describe)

For long-distance travel

Check any that apply

- Small car
- Large car, minivan or SUV
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Bus
- Plane
- Train
- Other (describe)

Question 5: Lighting

Please record the following

Indoors

Total number of lightbulbs
Number of energy-efficient lightbulbs

Outdoors

Total number of lightbulbs
Number of energy-efficient lightbulbs

Question 6: Energy-saving practices

that you employ in your home

Have the thermostat on your air conditioner set at 24-25°

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Open windows to cool home at night

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Close windows and blinds/curtains when it's hotter outside than in

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a programmable thermostat

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use ceiling fans to circulate cool air in summer

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use ceiling fans to circulate warm air in winter

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

In winter, lower your thermostat at night and when no one is home

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

In winter, open blinds during the day to let in natural sunlight; close blinds and curtains at night and when no one is home

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use plastic film to insulate your windows

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Question 7: Electrical Use

How often in your household do you

Unplug electrical devices when not in use (TVs, computers, cellphone chargers, etc.)

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a power bar for electronics and turn off the bar when electronics are not being used

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Shut off your computer screen

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Activate the power saver features of your EnergyStar computer and monitor

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a microwave instead of an oven

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Keep your refrigerator set at 1.7°C and 3.3°C (35-38°F) and your freezer compartment set at -18°C (0°F)

Choose one of the following answers

Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Run a basement 'beer' fridge

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a lower setting on your hot water heater and the 'vacation' setting when you're away

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Question 8: Yard Maintenance

Which do you typically use?

In Summer or Autumn

Check any that apply

- Gasoline lawnmower Electric lawnmower Ride-on mower Push reel mower Leaf blower
 None of the above

In Winter

Check any that apply

- Snow shovel Snow blower Contractor plow Municipal plow None of the above

Please select all of the following practices that you employ at your home

Avoid watering your lawn/garden in mid-day

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a soaker hose

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use a sprinkler

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Use artificial fertilizers

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Add compost instead of fertilizers

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Avoid pesticides for lawn/garden pests

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Avoid pesticides for 'nuisance' pests

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Question 9: Shopping

Please select one answer that best describes what you do when you shop for groceries

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose one of the following:

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- Provide your own re-usable bag to bring the products home
- Ask for a paper bag instead of a plastic bag
- Use the regular bags provided by the store
- Don't really think about it
- Other (describe)
- No answer

Which of the following do you take into consideration when choosing what to purchase?

Amount and type of packaging

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Where product was made or grown (i.e., choose local)

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Price

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Quality – how long item will last

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

What product is made of

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Who made it

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Where it will go when you're done with it

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Please select the answers that best describe what you do when shopping

Avoid single-use items

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Choose local products

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Choose long-lasting items

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Consider buying second-hand

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Research 'environmentally-friendly' products before shopping

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Look for 'environment-friendly' products while shopping

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Question 10: Recycle

Please select all of the following that you practice

Redeem beverage containers

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Participate in your local recycling program

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Compost your lawn clippings and garden waste

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Compost your kitchen scraps

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Repair rather than replace when possible

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Donate unneeded items

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Return batteries, printer ink cartridges, etc. for recycling

Choose one of the following answers

- Always Often Sometimes Rarely Never No answer

Question 11: Major Purchases

Have you purchased any of the following in the last 12 months?

Check any that apply

- Fuel-efficient vehicle
- EnergyStar appliances (large)
- EnergyStar appliances (small)
- Energy-efficient windows
- Insulation
- Alternative energy sources
- Other (describe)

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