

Beaconsfield Climate Action Plan

Adapt, reduce, act – together





Let's Act Together for a More Sustainable Future

The impacts of climate change are already being felt, right here in Beaconsfield: torrential rain, heatwaves, ice storms... These events are no longer rare or distant; they affect our daily lives. Faced with these challenges, the City of Beaconsfield has chosen to take action, with and for its community.

A Valuable Tool Born from Local Reflection

In 2019, the City launched the i3P project, a participatory initiative that brought together residents, experts and local partners to answer a key question:

How can we, in Beaconsfield, reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and better adapt to the impacts of climate change?

This collaborative reflection led to the adoption of two plans in 2021:

- [A Climate Change Adaptation Plan \(in French only\)](#)
- [A Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\) Reduction Plan \(in French only\)](#)

These two components are now combined in one simplified and practical tool to better inform you, equip you and, above all, support you to take action.

Our three main priorities



1) Adapting to climate risks

Beaconsfield faces two major vulnerabilities:

- A sewer system that becomes overloaded during heavy rains
- The loss of our urban forest



2) Reducing our emissions

In Beaconsfield, our main sources of GHG emissions come from:

- Automobile transportation, particularly daily commuting by car
- Building heating, particularly systems running on natural gas or fuel oil



3) Engaging and empowering the community

At the heart of our plan lies a key driver: you, Beaconsfield residents. Informing, equipping and connecting residents is essential to the success of any climate action. That's why this plan includes practical tools to inspire everyday action.

The Beaconsfield Climate Action Plan is much more than a document:
It is our **local roadmap** for building a greener, more resilient and united city.
A City where every action counts.



Climate Risks and Resilience

Adapting Together: Stronger, Safer, and Ready for What's Ahead

Climate change is already shaping our daily lives, even here in Beaconsfield. Our resilience as a community rests on three essential pillars: **our infrastructure, our natural assets and our social connections.**

Through our Climate Adaptation Plan, we've identified two major vulnerabilities, flooding and loss of our urban forest. These two issues are closely interconnected.

1) Managing Heavy Rain and Reducing Flood Risk

What the data tells us:

- Climate projections from Ouranos show that annual precipitation could increase by 56 to 206 mm by 2080.

More intense rain means a higher risk of sewer overloads and basement backups.

What the City is doing:

- Over \$800,000 invested to restore and maintain the ditch network
- Ongoing inspections, repairs and upgrades to stormwater infrastructure

These improvements help the system handle heavier rainfall, but every household also plays a key role.

What you can do, starting today:

- Check your sump pump connection. Make sure it drains into the municipal ditch, not the sanitary sewer. This single step can significantly reduce the risk of backups in your home and across your street.
Need help? Contact Urban Planning: inspection@beaconsfield.ca
- Help rain soak into the ground. Simple landscaping choices can protect your home and strengthen your neighbourhood's resilience: install rain gardens, permeable pavers, native plants and shrubs and avoid large asphalted areas



Did you know?

One incorrectly connected pump can send as much water into the sanitary system as 50 homes, overwhelming pipes during storms. Beaconsfield has had sewer backups in 2017, 2019, 2024 and 2025.

2) Protecting Our Urban Forest, A Natural Climate Shield

Our trees are more than scenery, they protect us against extreme heat and heavy rains.

What is happening

Between 2017 and 2019, Beaconsfield's canopy cover dropped from 47.8% to 41.9% mostly due to:

- Aging tree species planted in the 1950s reaching the end of their lifespan
- Damage from the emerald ash borer, a destructive insect



What the City is doing

- Planting 250 to 300 trees every year on public land
- Investing \$400,000 annually to maintain and monitor public trees

What you can do:

- Protect the trees on your property
- [Plant a new tree with City support:](#)
 - Free for trees planted on the municipal right-of-way (within 7 m of the street)
 - Subsidized for trees planted on private property (beyond 7 m)
- Explore our guide: [The Vital Role of Our Unique Natural Assets](#)

Every new tree helps protect your home, your street, and your city.



Did You Know?

Trees help cool neighbourhoods by 1 to 8°C, absorb CO₂ and filter rainwater, improve air quality and reduce heat stress. With a projected temperature increase of 3.5 to 7.2°C by 2080, their role is more important than ever.



Two Complementary Actions to Strengthen Our Climate Resilience:

1

Preparing Your Home, A Shared Responsibility

Climate-related events like flooding, heatwaves and power outages are becoming more common. Preparing today means staying safe and reducing the pressure on emergency services during extreme weather.

What you can do now:

- **Build a 72-hour emergency kit**, to stay autonomous for at least 3 days
- **Check all water drainage points** in your home
- **Identify vulnerable neighbours or relatives** nearby
- **Exchange phone numbers** with those around you, including neighbours

[See our guide: How to Protect Your Home from Heavy Rainfall](#)



2

Social Connection: Our Invisible and Most Powerful Infrastructure

When we talk about climate resilience, we often refer to roads, sewers and buildings. But there's another essential infrastructure we rely on every day: each other.

A connected community is a resilient community.

When people know and trust their neighbours, they:

- **Support each other**, including during extreme weather events
- **Exchange tools, resources and information**
- **Check on vulnerable or isolated** neighbours

This is the heart of the Connecting Beaconsfield project, which aims to strengthen neighbour-to-neighbour connections across the City, building a safer, more supportive and more resilient community.

During an extreme weather event, the person most likely to help you quickly lives right next door.

[Learn more about Connecting Beaconsfield on our website: connectons-connecting.ca](https://connectons-connecting.ca)



Together, We Are Stronger

By combining modern infrastructure, natural assets and strong social connections, Beaconsfield is already adapting today and for the future.

By acting now, together, we protect what we value most: our homes, our health, our neighbourhoods and the environment we share.



Where do our emissions come from? And how can we take action, together?

In Beaconsfield, climate solutions come from both individual and collective choices.

[Our Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\) Reduction Plan](#) gave us a clear picture of where our emissions come from and where our actions can have the greatest impact. Thanks to a detailed inventory, using 2017 as our reference year, we now know exactly where to focus our efforts to make the biggest difference.



What Are Greenhouse Gases?

Greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane, trap heat in the atmosphere. They come from our transportation, heating, food and everyday consumption.

Too many GHGs = a disrupted climate

Fewer GHGs = a safer, healthier future

Where Do Our Emissions Come From?

1.6%
of total emissions



Municipal Emissions
(City's operations)

- 44%
by 2030



Municipal activities generate only a small share of emissions, but the City has set an ambitious target

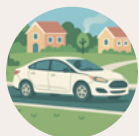
Main municipal sources

59%



Natural-gas heating in municipal buildings

37%



Municipal vehicle fleet

What the City is doing:



Cleaner, More Efficient Buildings

- Major energy-efficiency upgrades at the Recreation Centre and Public Works
- The future Cultural Centre has been designed with renewable materials and high-efficiency systems to support strong environmental performance, long-term durability and climate resilience.



A Greener Vehicle Fleet

- Installing auto stop-start systems on select trucks
- Operating a fully electric ice resurfacer
- Progressively replacing combustion-engine vehicles as they reach end of life (54 gas vehicles remain in the fleet)



Policies That Support Cleaner Air and Safer Streets

- Drinking Water Use By-law to protect a vital resource
- Idling By-law to improve local air quality
- Traffic-calming measures for safer residential streets

98.4%
of total emissions



Community Emissions
(residents and businesses)

This is where each of us can make a meaningful difference.

Main community sources :

74%



Automobile transportation

24%



Residential and commercial heating using gas or fuel oil

Community reduction targets:

- 14%
by 2030

- 23%
by 2040



Did You Know?

A resident of Beaconsfield emits an average of 2.5 tonnes of CO₂ per year, less than half the Montreal average (5.5 t/person). This means we're already on the right track, but the next reductions will be more challenging. We will need to innovate: electrify vehicles, improve building efficiency, green our habits and landscapes.

What you can do, as a resident or business owner:

Transportation

- Accelerate vehicle electrification through federal and provincial incentives
- Adopt eco-driving habits, such as reducing idling and driving more smoothly

Residential and Commercial Heating

- Switch to electricity: replace oil or gas systems with clean electric options
- Improve home efficiency: insulate, seal, upgrade windows, renovate smartly

Switching from oil to electricity can reduce your heating emissions by up to 98%. Improving efficiency saves energy and reduces bills.



Individually, each action helps reduce emissions.

Collectively, each change creates lasting impact.

By acting together, we can build a Beaconsfield that is: lower in carbon, more resilient and healthier for current and future generations.



Beaconsfield in Action: Strong Foundations for Going Further

Beaconsfield has already taken meaningful steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to climate impacts and improve quality of life. Here are some of the initiatives that demonstrate this concrete commitment.

Protecting Our Water

- Subsidized rain barrels: help residents capture and reuse rainwater at home
- Sump pump inspections and corrections: reduce the risk of sewer backups

Reducing Waste

- Smart waste collection and composting: reduce waste and improve sorting
- Jacques Gaudreau Award – Réseau Environnement (2017) : a recognition of Beaconsfield's innovation in waste management

Preserving Nature and Biodiversity

- Ash borer protection plan & Tree Policy: treatment of public ash trees, support for property owners, and required replanting after tree removal
- Parks and Green Spaces Master Plan: integrates nature into each neighbourhood

Rethinking How We Move

- Active Mobility Plan: encourages walking, cycling, transit, and carpooling

Strengthening Our Social Fabric

- Universal Accessibility Plan & Age-Friendly Municipality Plan
- Connecting Beaconsfield Project: building neighbour-to-neighbour connections that help residents support each other, in daily life and during extreme events
 - Climate Proof Award, Health & Well-Being category (2024)



Building Better

- Construction By-law updates: limits on new wood-burning fireplaces and increased energy-efficiency standards for buildings

Environmental Leadership

- “Blue Dot” Declaration: a healthy environment as a fundamental right
- Partnership for a Sustainable Environment: promoting reusable water bottles and reducing single-use plastics in public spaces
- Sustainable Development Plan (2017–2020): first structured climate action framework



Every city action counts but to go further, we need to act together.

By combining our efforts, we can build a Beaconsfield that is: greener, more inclusive and more resilient.

Climate Action Sheets:

Taking Action, One Step at a Time

Reduce our impact • Adapt to climate change • Strengthen our community

Our Climate Action Plan charts the course toward a greener, more resilient and more connected Beaconsfield. But what does climate action look like in daily life at home, on your street, or in your routine? That's where the Climate Action Sheets come in: a collection of simple, concrete, locally adapted actions created specifically for Beaconsfield residents.

Why Climate Action Sheets?

These sheets were designed to:

- Clarify the climate challenges affecting Beaconsfield and show how each of us can make a difference, individually and collectively
- Provide easy, practical ideas you can put into practice right away
- Encourage connections between neighbours, because resilience is also built through solidarity

In short, these sheets transform concern into action, one step at a time.

An Inclusive Approach Tailored to Beaconsfield

Here in Beaconsfield, heatwaves, torrential rain, and power outages are becoming more frequent. We are also a community with many older adults, young families, and mature wooded areas. Our solutions must therefore be: human, realistic, and adapted to our unique context.

Each Climate Action Sheet draws on an integrated approach that brings together:

- Adaptation to increasingly tangible climate risks
- Community engagement, through stronger social connections
- GHG reduction at the source, through everyday choices

How to Use the Climate Action Sheets

- Read each sheet on its own, based on your interests or needs
- Share them at home, at school, at work, or with your neighbours
- Look for the icon that identifies the type of impact



I reduce my impact



I adapt to the climate



I do both

Together, We Can Do This

Already taking action? Thank you for being part of the change.

Just getting started? These sheets are here to help you, at your own pace.

One gesture at a time, one street at a time, that's how we build a more sustainable Beaconsfield - together.

Climate Action Sheet



I ADAPT TO
THE CLIMATE

Being Prepared, Together • Prevent impacts, protect the people we care about

Climate change is already bringing more frequent extreme weather events to Beaconsfield: flooding, prolonged power outages, heatwaves.

According to local projections, these risks will continue to increase in the coming years. The good news? Being prepared is simple, accessible and highly effective.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

A well-prepared resident is someone who is:

- Better equipped in a safer environment
- Less vulnerable during an emergency
- Helping reduce pressure on emergency services

Preparing ahead also allows you to:

- Save precious time when something unexpected happens
- Protect people at risk
- Act calmly and effectively

Connected neighbours empower one another and provide crucial help and support during emergencies.



Did You Know?

- Sewer backups have been recorded in Beaconsfield in 2017, 2019, 2024 and 2025
- Power outages caused by the April 2023 ice storm lasted up to 7 days in some neighbourhoods
- Beaconsfield has one of the highest proportions of seniors in the West Island and on the Island of Montréal, community vigilance is essential

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Prepare Your Home

- Put together a 72-hour emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, flashlight, batteries, medications, etc.
- Update it once a year
- Keep a paper list of important phone numbers and nearby neighbours
- Check your sump pump (condition and connection to the municipal ditch)
- Protect water outlets (traps, backwater valves) and plan a solution in case of power failure

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Being Prepared, Together • Prevent impacts, protect the people we care about

Create a Community Safety Net

- Talk with your neighbours, including older adults, people living alone, or caregivers
- Identify who might need help during an extreme event
- Exchange phone numbers and include them in your emergency plan

A simple conversation today can make a real difference tomorrow.

Local Tips, Right Here in Beaconsfield

- Learn about the [Vulnerable Persons Registry](#): you may qualify without realizing it
- Contact the City for advice on resilient home design, including flood prevention: inspection@beaconsfield.ca
- Get involved in [Connecting Beaconsfield](#): the goal is to have an active network of Neighbour Connectors in every district

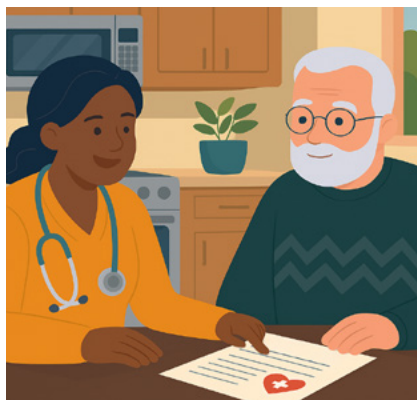
To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Involve children in creating the emergency kit - choose snacks, games, flashlights together. Don't forget pets!
- **For Seniors:** Prepare a health information sheet that can be easily shared in an emergency.
- **For Neighbours:** Create a street-level emergency plan

Helpful Tools

- Watch the [presentation by resident Graeme Maag](#), filled with practical preparedness tips
- Watch the [presentation by Architecture Sans Frontières](#) on living with water and preparing homes for flooding



In Summary

Ice storms, flooding, heatwaves... Unfortunately, we can't control everything.

But we can prepare, look out for one another and reduce impacts.

A prepared home + an informed neighbour + a connected community = a more resilient Beaconsfield

Climate Action Sheet

Building Connections, Strengthening Resilience



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THE CLIMATE

What if helping one another became our climate superpower?

Natural disasters don't affect everyone in the same way. During heatwaves, flooding, or power outages, it is not only infrastructure that matters, but also the strength of the connections between neighbours and residents. This is why the City of Beaconsfield created the [Connecting Beaconsfield project](#): to help strengthen our social fabric and build community resilience.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

A community where people know one another, help each other, and look out for one another is:

- Safer
- More resilient
- And often happier!



People who are isolated or vulnerable are often the most at risk and the least visible. By creating simple but meaningful connections, we could help save lives during climate emergencies.



Did You Know?

- In 2023, a survey conducted as part of the Connecting Beaconsfield project revealed that nearly half of Beaconsfield residents know the names of 6 to 20 of their neighbours.
- Numerous studies show that the most connected neighbourhoods recover more quickly after a climate crisis or disaster.

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Weave Simple Connections

- Try greeting your neighbours whenever you see them, on a daily basis.
- Exchange contact information with one or two neighbours on your street.
- Create a group chat, a contact notebook or a list of vulnerable or isolated neighbours to check in on.

Share in Everyday Life

- Invite an isolated neighbour to a neighbourhood activity..
- Use the *Partage Club* app to:
 - Lend or borrow a tool, toy or household item
 - Request help or offer a service to other Beaconsfield users

Learn more: beaconsfield.ca/partage-club

**Partage
Club**

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Take Part in Local Life

- Organize or attend a block party or neighbourhood gathering.
- Participate in [Connecting Beaconsfield](#) events: picnics, neighbour celebrations, musical events, workshops, and more programming is available year-round!
- Become a Neighbour Connector: it only takes a few simple gestures to improve life on your street.



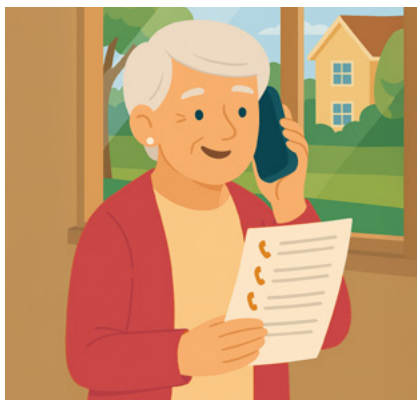
To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Invite children to take on a “hello + name” challenge, greeting neighbours by name for one week.
- **For Seniors:** Prepare a list of trusted contacts to reach out to during extreme heat or power outages. Keep it close at hand - a single phone call can make all the difference.
- **For Neighbours:** Create a map of your street with neighbours’ names and contact details.

Helpful Tools

- Read the Connecting Beaconsfield page in each edition of [Contact magazine](#).
- Visit the [Connecting Beaconsfield](#) webpage for information about the project.
 - The Neighbour Connectors section offers additional resources and tools.



In Summary

Building connections feels good and it’s beneficial on every level.

It’s a concrete and accessible form of climate adaptation.

A simple action today can make all the difference tomorrow.

Together, our neighbourhood can become our strongest protection.



Taking Action Together During Extreme Heat

Protect your health, look out for one another

Heatwaves are becoming more frequent, longer and more intense. Their impacts can be serious, even life-threatening, especially for people who are more vulnerable. This is why it is essential to prepare ahead of time and to check in on one another.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

- Extreme heat puts stress on the body and increases the risk of dehydration, heatstroke and heart or respiratory problems.
- It affects older adults, young children, people living alone and those with chronic illnesses the most.
- In Beaconsfield, the proportion of residents aged 65 and over is among the highest in the West Island, and many young families also live in our community.



Did You Know?

- During a heatwave, temperatures can vary by more than 10°C between a tree-lined neighbourhood and a heavily paved street.
- A heatwave can triple emergency room visits related to respiratory issues or dehydration.
- Average summer temperatures in Beaconsfield could rise by 3.5 to 7.2°C by 2080 (source: *Ouranos*).

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Prepare Your Home

- Install a fan or an air-conditioning system, portable or wall-mounted.
- Keep curtains closed during the day and ventilate at night to retain cool air.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated to maintain a stable indoor temperature.

Protect People at Risk

- Check in regularly on older or isolated neighbours.
- Identify people around you who may need a cool place or extra support.
- Exchange contact information ahead of time: the connection should already exist before a crisis.

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THE CLIMATE

Taking Action Together During Extreme Heat

Go Out, to the Right Places

- Avoid strenuous physical activity between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Spend time in air-conditioned or well-ventilated spaces, such as:
 - Beaconsfield Library • 303 Beaconsfield Blvd.
 - Recreation Centre and indoor pool • 1974 City Lane
 - Temporary cooling centres, announced during heatwaves
 - Shaded parks with large trees, such as Centennial, Beacon Hill, Heights or Windermere

Local Tips, Right Here in Beaconsfield

- Misting stations are set up during select summer events at Centennial Park.
- Follow City communications (website, newsletter, Facebook page) to stay informed about special measures during extreme heat.

To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Organize a Heatwave Day at home • water games, homemade popsicles and colouring in the shade.
- **For Seniors:** Prepare a small heat kit - water bottle, portable fan and a list of emergency contacts.
- **For Neighbours:** Create a vigilance chain with neighbours - a simple knock on a door or a phone call can make a real difference.

Helpful Tools

- Sign up for [Climate Tips \(Conseils climat\)](#) alerts by telephone, text, or email.
- Assess heat-related risk levels using the [IRSST temperature risk tool](#).



In Summary

A heatwave isn't just uncomfortable, it's a real health risk.

Let's prepare now to protect the most vulnerable and face future heat events together.

A cool home + a caring neighbour = a more resilient city

Climate Action Sheet



I DO BOTH

Greening Our City • A Natural, Local, and Essential Solution

Planting a tree • Preserving a ditch • Creating a garden

These simple actions are at the heart of climate solutions and of our collective well-being.

In Beaconsfield, our majestic urban forest is a true gem, but it is under pressure.

We all have a role to play in strengthening our city's resilience, cooling our neighbourhoods and reducing the risks associated with flooding and heatwaves.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

Trees, soil, ditches, and gardens play a crucial role:

- Cool the air by 1 to 8°C (yes, that's a big difference!)
- Absorb rainwater, helping to reduce sewer backups and flooding
- Filter the air, capture CO₂ and reduce noise
- Support biodiversity: birds, pollinators, and beneficial insects

As heatwaves become more frequent, every tree becomes an ally for our health.

The Situation in Beaconsfield

- Tree canopy cover across the city has declined by nearly 6% between 2017 and 2021
- Many mature trees, planted in the 1950s, are reaching the end of their natural lifespan
- The emerald ash borer, an invasive insect, has destroyed a large number of trees
- Flooding and sewer backups were recorded in 2017, 2019, and 2024

This is why the City invests over \$400,000 each year to maintain public trees and adapt infrastructure to today's climate realities.

What You Can Do, Starting Now

- Maintain existing trees, even imperfect ones: mature trees capture more CO₂ than young saplings
- Request a free tree to plant in front of your property (within 7 metres of the street): arbre_trees@beaconsfield.ca
- Take advantage of subsidies of up to 75% to plant a tree on private property: grame.org/ensemble-on-verdit
 - Choose climate-adapted species, such as red maple, butternut, or ginkgo
- Replace asphalt with permeable surfaces: pavers, mulch, gravel
- Create a rain garden: beautiful, easy to maintain and environmentally beneficial
- Join the [Beaconsfield Garden Club](#) or attend a library talk on sustainable gardening

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I DO BOTH

To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Challenge your children - which plant will grow the fastest?
- **For Seniors:** Create a mini container garden on your balcony or near your entrance.
- **For Seniors:** Special neighbourhood challenge: Organize a seed and seedling swap with your neighbours.

Helpful Tools

- Read the guide [The Value of Our Unique Natural Assets](#)
- Around mid-May, pick up free compost or wood chips at Public Works - check municipal channels for dates and details

**Our urban forest defines the character of our community.
We must act now to slow the decline of our urban canopy.**

Let's work together to recognize the importance of this natural asset for the resilience of our community.



In Summary

More greenery = fewer GHGs, less stress, more shade and greater resilience.

Planting a tree or creating a garden means acting for today AND for tomorrow.

And here in Beaconsfield, it's accessible to everyone, thanks to the resources available.



Heating Smarter • A Winning Choice for the Planet, and for Your Comfort

In Beaconsfield, residential heating accounts for nearly one quarter of community greenhouse gas emissions. It is also one of the most powerful individual actions you can take to reduce your climate impact, while saving on your energy bills.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

Switching to electric heating means:

- Lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Greater thermal comfort
- Lower long-term costs

Québec has one of the cleanest electricity grids in the world. Let's take advantage of it! Replacing an oil or natural gas system with an electric solution can reduce your emissions by up to 98%.



Did You Know?

- Heating oil emits 125 times more GHGs than electricity in Québec
- Wood heating, even EPA-certified, emits fine particles that are harmful to health
- In winter, poor ventilation combined with polluting systems can worsen asthma and allergies
- **A modern electric system can reduce heating costs by up to 70%**

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Have Your System Assessed

- Request a free energy evaluation through LogisVert or Rénoclimat
- Check your eligibility for conversion and renovation grants

Switch to Electricity

- Install an efficient heat pump (reversible = heating + air conditioning)
- Convert your system gradually or fully (baseboards, central system, etc.)

Improve Your Home's Insulation

- Check windows, doors, roofs and walls
- A well-insulated home = less heat loss = lower energy use

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I REDUCE
MY IMPACT

Financial Assistance Available

Up to \$10,000 in grants may be available for oil replacement, insulation, and heat pumps through:

- [LogisVert \(Hydro-Québec\)](#)
- [Rénoclimat](#)
- [Chauffez vert](#)

Local Tips, Right Here in Beaconsfield

- The City prohibits the installation of new wood-burning fireplaces and regulates the use of existing ones and solid-fuel appliances, under a municipal by-law
- Visit the [Urban Planning counter](#) for advice on insulation or heating conversion projects

To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Explore your energy use together! Invite children to go on a heat-leak hunt and check windows, doors, poorly insulated areas.
- **For Seniors:** Prioritize thermal comfort and indoor air quality. A well-heated and ventilated home reduces health risks (e.g., bronchitis, cold-related falls).
- **For Neighbours:** Share your heating-conversion experience with neighbours. One conversation can spark a collective project or inspire others to take action.

Helpful Tools

- Read the Climate Action Sheet on extreme heat adaptation: efficient heating systems also help cool homes in summer



In Summary

Changing your heating system is simpler than you might think.

It's a smart investment for your home, your comfort and the planet.

A well-heated home + clean energy = a healthier, lower-carbon Beaconsfield



Rethinking Consumption in Beaconsfield

What if our everyday choices could become a lever for climate action?

Whether at the grocery store, at the market, online, or through our daily consumption habits, every choice can make a difference. In Beaconsfield, we have everything we need to consume differently, at our own rhythm and close to home.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

- Food accounts for more than one third of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Beef, lamb and cheese can generate up to 20 times more emissions than legumes or grains.
- Transportation, packaging, food waste and overconsumption all add to our climate footprint.



Did You Know?

Replacing one weekly beef steak with chicken can equal the equivalent of 166 car trips avoided per year. Everything we buy - clothing, objects, toys and more - also has a significant climate impact. Repairing, sharing and buying local helps reduce emissions at the source while supporting our community.

In Beaconsfield, It's Simple and Delicious

We have access to local options all year long:

- **In Beaconsfield:** Marché Beau, Marché des artisans, Village Beaurepaire shops and local thrift stores
- **In the West Island:** Marché Ste-Anne, MacMarket, Ferme Tourne-Sol (delivery to Métro Beaconsfield)

What You Can Do, Starting Now

At the grocery store

- Choose local, seasonal foods that are minimally processed and minimally packaged
- Try one meat-free meal per week (or more!)

When shopping

- Before buying, ask yourself: can I repair it, borrow it or buy it second-hand?
- Support Québec-made products and local artisans

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Consuming Differently in Beaconsfield



I REDUCE
MY IMPACT

At home

- Cook more often while reducing food waste
- Give unused items a second life

With your neighbours

- Share garden surplus, objects or recipes
- Organize a donation day or a “no new purchases” challenge with neighbours
- Discover the Partage Club app: residents can get a free membership (limited quantity). The mobile app allows you to lend and borrow items and request services. **More information:** beaconsfield.ca/partage-club

To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For families:** Cook a meal together made entirely with ingredients grown in Québec! Discover cookbooks at [the Beaconsfield Library](#).
- **For seniors:** Share traditional family recipes with neighbours or grandchildren.
- **For neighbourhoods:** Exchange garden surplus or homemade goods with your neighbours.



In Summary

Consuming differently means:

Reducing emissions linked to food, transportation and consumer goods

Supporting the local economy and businesses

Reducing waste and saving money

Let's remember: every purchase we make, every bite we take can become a climate action.

Spotlight on the Community:

A City in Action, Concrete Climate Steps

Behind the data and action plans are resident engagement, everyday actions and local initiatives that bring climate action to life.

In Beaconsfield, we believe real change begins right here: on our streets, in our homes and between neighbours. Here are a few inspiring examples that show how, together, we are already moving in the right direction.

Protecting Every Resident, Including the Most Vulnerable

Climate change does not affect everyone in the same way.

In Beaconsfield, seniors, young children and people living with disabilities represent a significant portion of our population. They are also among those most at risk during heatwaves, flooding or prolonged power outages.

That is why the City is implementing actions and initiatives to ensure that the whole community is reached, including through:

- The [Universal Accessibility Action Plan](#), updated annually, to strengthen accessibility and safety during extreme events
- The [Connecting Beaconsfield project](#), which fosters neighbourly connections, encourages mutual support and helps reduce isolation
- Improvements to parks and green spaces, helping create cooler, more pleasant neighbourhoods through the [Master Plan, updated in 2024](#)

A climate plan also aims to improve the quality of life and well-being for all residents.

Reducing Waste, Together

The introduction of smart waste collection in Beaconsfield is an excellent example of how the City and residents have worked together to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill while also lowering collection costs.

Since the implementation of usage-based pricing in 2014, meaning residents are billed per bin collection, many residents now put their garbage bins out only when they are full. The result?

- The number of collection trucks has decreased from 8 to 4
- Fewer truck trips across the territory, less fuel used and therefore fewer greenhouse gas emissions

And some residents do even more...

A Great Idea Shared Between Neighbours

Eva and her neighbours have found a simple way to make an even bigger impact: they combine their waste on collection day to reduce the number of bins set out for pickup. A concrete example of how neighbourly cooperation and environmental action go hand in hand.

[Watch the video by Unpointcinq \(in French\)](#)



A Mobilizing Climate Action Week

The main objective of Beaconsfield's Climate Action Week, held annually in late May or early June, is to invite residents, businesses, associations and organizations locally to take action for the climate, and share their efforts and ideas to inspire the community.

Events such as the Neighbours' Day celebration, conferences and workshops related to the environment, and contests are organized throughout the week.

In June 2025, the City launched a participatory game inviting residents to choose a concrete climate action. Each commitment was celebrated in our "Climate Heroes" photobooth.

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Together, One Step at a Time

Every action counts.

Every conversation, every tree, every initiative can make a difference.

One neighbourhood at a time. One street at a time. One gesture at a time.

We have everything we need to build a greener, more resilient and more connected city.

And you, what will your first climate action be?