



How can you support the Climate Action Plan?

Actions for Home/Work

There are many actions you can take at home or at work to help the City reach its emissions reduction goals. Below are resources from the City, local organizations, and utilities to help you get involved.

- Email sustainability@cohb.org to request your free Energy & Water Efficiency Kit (low-flow showerheads, aerators, toilet tank leak detectors, LED lightbulbs, and while supplies last Smart PowerStrips).
- Sign up for [FPL Solar Together](#). This is a program that allows renters AND homeowners to sign up and receive Renewable Energy Credits from FPL building solar energy centers. When you sign up you can designate how much of your monthly electricity use you want to go towards building new solar energy centers throughout Florida. Signing up for the program can even help you lower your electricity bills over time. Be sure to claim your Renewable Energy Certificates when you sign up!
- Install solar on your home. We've got a [whole website](#) set up with all the information you need to know about installing solar in Hallandale Beach.
- If you need financing to install Solar Panels or other energy efficiency improvements, apply for a low-interest loan from the [Solar Energy Loan Fund](#).
- Sign up to join the [Broward County Solar Co-Op](#).
- Use [FPL's Energy Dashboard](#) to identify high-use appliances or uses of electricity in your home and work to replace or repair those to reduce your overall energy consumption. Consider carrying out energy efficiency improvements such as installing hurricane windows by using [PACE financing](#) or a low-interest loan from [Solar Energy Loan Fund](#). [Low-cost energy efficiency projects](#) you can carry out in your home can include sealing air leaks around floors, doors, and windows with caulk or weather stripping, adding insulation, installing and setting programmable thermostats, and installing energy-efficient LED lights.
- If you have a gas stove, water heater, or other gas appliances replace them with Energy-Star electric alternatives when they reach their end of life.
- If you live in multi-family housing, talk to your property manager about participating in the City's annual NatureScape Irrigation Audit. This program is free to multi-family housing and commercial businesses but there is limited space available each year. If your building wants to participate, email sustainability@cohb.org.
- Use the free tool [EnergyStar Portfolio Manager](#) to track your energy and water consumption and compare your buildings to other similarly sized buildings throughout the US. Consider making goals based on the data you enter into EnergyStar Portfolio Manager to reduce your electricity and water use in line with national averages or superstars!
- Many appliances such as HVAC/Air Conditioning and Refrigerators use refrigerants. If you're buying a new HVAC unit look to purchase one with the lowest global warming potential. If you're buying a new fridge, consult this [list of no-HFC fridges](#). If you have old refrigerant canisters laying around your home, contact an [EPA Certified Reclaimer](#) to destroy them and keep those greenhouse gasses out of the atmosphere. If you own a business that uses refrigerants, consider joining [EPA's GreenChill](#) program.

Actions for Getting Around

Transportation accounts for nearly half of Hallandale Beach's greenhouse gas emissions. Shifting the way we get around to be more walking, biking, and taking public transportation can have a tremendous impact on reducing emissions. Consider the following when working to cut your emissions related to transportation:

- Ride the [City's minibus](#) or use [Broward County Transit](#). For longer trips, consider using [Tri-Rail](#) or [Brightline](#) in the tri-county area.
- Carpool and consolidate trips with planned routes.
- Consider purchasing an electric vehicle. If you purchase a new one, you can get a [\\$7,500 tax credit](#) on select models.
- Use some of the many [public electric vehicle chargers](#) in our area, some of which offer free charging.
- Advocate for electric vehicle charging in multi-family housing. Read this [Florida Statute](#) about electric vehicle charging in multi-family.
- Practice [bike safety](#) while you're riding your bike.
- If you're driving an internal combustion vehicle, don't park in electric vehicle charging stations/spots. This will get you a [\\$25 parking ticket](#).

Actions for Waste

1.9% of the City's greenhouse gas emissions come from waste. Use these resources to reduce your waste and in turn, your emissions.

- Recycle properly. Don't recycle things that aren't recyclable and make sure your recycling is always clean.
- Reduce your single-use plastic consumption. Refuse and reduce these items as much as possible.
- Compost at home. This can be a backyard bin, an under-the-apartment-sink vermicompost bin, or by participating in compost pick-up services.
- Use FreeCycle and donate items to thrift stores. Ask friends and neighbors if they want a couch before you put it out for bulk waste. You'd be surprised what you can find for free on FreeCycle!
- Repair items rather than throw them away and replace them.

Actions to Promote Nature

There are many ways in which you can support the City's Climate Action Plan while promoting or increasing access to nature.

- Follow the City's Code related to irrigation and fertilizing during the rainy season.
- Plant shade trees on your property.
- Start a vegetable garden or plant fruit trees! Use resources from our Broward County Agricultural Extension.
- Start wildlife and pollinator gardens! Certify your pollinator/wildlife garden either through Broward NatureScape or the National Wildlife Federation.

Use your economic & political power

While it is important that individuals take action to curb climate change, the climate crisis will require both systemic and individual actions. An article published in 2017 showed that 100 companies are responsible for 71% of emissions. We should all take individual actions to the best of our ability, but we all must also pressure for actions at a greater scale to be taken. Below are some actions you can take, utilizing your power as a voter and consumer, to support the City's Climate Action Plan.

- Call your representatives and ask them to support Climate Actions and Policies in line with the City's goal to reduce emissions 50% by 2030 and achieve net-zero by 2050.
- Support companies who are taking climate change seriously and are making progress in reducing their emissions.
- Invest in companies that promote alternative energy and other climate solutions and divest your finances from fossil fuel interests.
- Vote with your fork. Eat a plant-based diet. If you eat meat/dairy, buy from local or regenerative farms and limit your consumption.
- Don't buy products that contain palm oil. There are many smartphone apps you can use to scan barcodes of products to avoid palm oil.

