# STARTER ACTIONS

Taking the first step can be hard. Simply learning and building connections can be a valuable place to start and help you get more comfortable.

These action cards will help you decide where to start if you don't know your neighbours or are new to climate or community-related work.



# Get to Know Your Neighbours

#### WHY TAKE ACTION?

Good relationships with neighbours can create feelings of safety and comfort. They can also increase social well-being and lead to long-lasting friendships. Knowing your neighbours can help you recover from local emergencies together.



**Connect with your neighbours** by leaving a note, stopping by to chat or hosting a gathering.

**Get to know the skills and needs in your neighbourhood**. Consider setting up a buddy system to share information and check in on each other. Match people with specific needs to those who can offer the best support.

**Use conversation starter tips** to introduce yourself and start talking about Neighbouring for Climate.

#### **NEXT UP!**

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# Learn About Climate Change

#### WHY TAKE ACTION?

Our climate is already changing locally and globally. Learning about ways to reduce the impacts and adapt to a changing climate is the first step towards action.



**Learn more about climate change**, its causes, and how it will impact Edmonton. Research actions to reduce your impact and adapt to projected climate changes. Learn about ways to get involved through local initiatives hosted by the City and other groups.

**Feeling a sense of loss** when learning about environmental challenges or climate change is completely normal. Learn more about this experience, known as "eco grief."

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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.



**Take initiative!** Talk to your neighbours about climate change and brainstorm ways to improve your community's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

**Get creative** by exploring playful and artistic ideas, such as a climate-focused community art project.

**Lead neighbourhood action** to promote environmental stewardship by using the Neighbouring for Climate toolkit.



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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.



**Conduct a local asset inventory** with your neighbours to identify the needs and opportunities in your area. Explore potential hazards and supports that would help your neighbours. Look at local resources your neighbours can share with each other, such as skills, tools and space.



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