



Our Community in a Changing Climate

Protecting
people and places
from the
climate challenges
we're facing.



Americans
are problem
solvers.

Together,
we can
do our part
to lessen
climate-related
hazards
in Plymouth.

Climate-Ready Healthy Plymouth

Plymouth is taking action to address the climate challenges we're facing.

In 2020, Climate-Ready Healthy Plymouth looked at climate-related hazards—how they are already affecting our town and how they may do so in future.

Focusing on sea level rise and changes in temperature and precipitation, we assessed impact on our infrastructure, natural environment, and residents, especially their health.

Some priority actions identified:

- Helping residents keep cool
- Protecting our drinking water
- Preserving our open spaces
- Preparing for emergencies

Over 100 residents participated in the project, funded by a state grant.

For more information, please visit:
plymouth-ma.gov/planning-development.



How you can help protect your home and our community

1

Use reusable products.

Avoid disposable, single-use plastics like bottled water, plastic bags, and coffee stirrers. Plastic is made with oil, contributing to the climate changes we're experiencing. Plastics are also a huge litter problem.

2

Switch to clean energy.

Continue using less electricity and fuel, but also install solar or switch your electric supply to renewable energy. The less we rely on oil and gas, the better off we'll be. Visit masssave.com and massenergyrates.com.

3

Shop and eat local.

Buy what you need at local businesses, and shop for produce at farmers markets or join a community-supported agriculture program (CSA). There's nothing better than picking your own vine-ripened tomatoes—try growing your own fruit and veggies. When you invest locally, you're supporting our community's economy and making greener choices. Learn about local businesses at plymouthchamber.com.

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Check-in with others.

Extreme weather events like heat waves affect the most vulnerable in our community. Please check in on family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they're okay. Be prepared. Visit ready.gov and know to dial 211 for emergency needs and shelters.

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Be water smart outside.

Minimize tap water use outside and consider installing rain barrels or efficient drip irrigation. Plant native plants to cut water usage. It's good for the bees and butterflies, too. Learn more at grownativemass.org.

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Prepare for heavy rain and floods.

To avoid basement flooding, direct downspouts and grade your lawn away from your house. Consider what's possible to raise above flood level, like washing machines and electric sockets. Learn more at floodsmart.gov.

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Take a hike. Walk and bike to nearby destinations. It will reduce your gasoline costs and improve your health.