



THE CLIMATE CRISIS WATER & ENERGY USE SURVEY

2020 Water & Energy Survey Project

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Water and energy use are critically linked with the growing crisis of global warming. Because our wise use and conservation of water and energy can collectively help Canada meet its carbon reduction targets, the National Council of Women of Canada is seeking input from our members and other interested Canadians about their use and conservation of water and energy.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. It will tell you how well you are doing and assist us in advising all levels of government on the actions needed to protect our Canadian fresh water resources and the environment to help meet Canada’s carbon reduction goal.

Place the value (5, 3 or 0) for the answer of your choice on the right side, then total up at the end.

***** We know some respondents, e.g those who live in rented homes, are not in control of their choices, so add 5 points for each question where that is the case.**

WATER

1. When bathing, I

- 5) take a brief shower and turn off the shower while I lather.
- 3) take a 5-minute shower or use a partially full (2") bathtub.
- 0) fill the bathtub and soak.

2. When doing a job that requires water, e.g., preparing or cooking vegetables or bathing, I

- 5) often reuse the water for another job, e.g., watering plants or washing small items of clothing.
- 3) sometimes reuse the water.
- 0) never reuse the water.

3. When watering my trees, bushes, vegetables or flowers, I

- 5) use water from my rain barrel or leftover water from another use.
- 3) water only when necessary and limit the amount to just what is needed.
- 0) water every day unless it is raining.

4. When thirsty at work, meetings, school events or at home, I

- 5) carry my own stainless steel or glass refillable water bottle or drink from the tap.
- 3) sometimes use a disposable plastic bottle of water and sometimes tap water.
- 0) always carry a disposable plastic bottle of water.

WASTE

5. When shopping, I

- 5) refuse to buy products that are over-packaged.
 - 3) sometimes refuse to buy products that are over-packaged.
 - 0) pay no attention to packaging.
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6. When shopping, I

- 5) take cloth bags to carry my purchases.
 - 3) take plastic bags but reuse them as many times as possible.
 - 0) always use new plastic bags from the store.
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7. When disposing of recyclable and compostable (non-dairy or meat) household waste, I

- 5) use recycle depot & composter / put recycle & compost out to municipal collection.
 - 3) recycle as much as possible but don't use a composter or set compost out for collection.
 - 0) toss everything together with non-recyclable and compostable garbage.
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8. If an article stops working, I

- 5) think of how it could be repaired or how parts could be reused.
 - 3) attempt to have it repaired and if it still doesn't work, throw it out.
 - 0) throw it out.
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9. When packing a lunch, I

- 5) use reusable containers.
 - 3) try to use reusable containers as much as possible.
 - 0) wrap everything in disposables.
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TRANSPORTATION

10. When travelling for work or to volunteer, I

- 5) always walk, use public transit, bicycle or car pool.
 - 3) sometimes use public transit, walk, bicycle or car pool.
 - 0) always use the car and usually drive alone.
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11. When travelling a long distance (> 400 km one way) for work or pleasure, I

- 5) avoid flying.
 - 3) only fly if necessary and there is no other way to get there.
 - 0) always fly.
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12. When (if) buying a vehicle, I

- 5) will buy the most fuel-efficient vehicle (conventional, hybrid or electric).
 - 3) will buy the most fuel-efficient vehicle I can afford.
 - 0) will buy the vehicle I like regardless of fuel efficiency.
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AROUND THE HOME

13. When buying food, I

- 5) buy as many foods grown close to home (in season) as possible.
 - 3) sometimes buy locally grown food.
 - 0) buy the cheapest no matter where it is grown.
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14. When planning meals, I am

- 5) on a plant-based diet.
 - 3) reducing my dairy and meat-based diet.
 - 0) sticking with my current dairy and meat-based diet.
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15. When using electricity for lights, TVs or computers, I

- 5) use only when necessary and turn off or unplug (TV/computers) when finished.
 - 3) use as little as possible and sometimes turn off or unplug.
 - 0) never worry about when or how I use electricity.
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16. When looking around my home, I see that I have

- 5) many energy-saving items (LED bulbs, water-saving toilets, 3R windows, hot water tank cover).
 - 3) a few energy-saving items.
 - 0) no energy-saving items.
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17. When looking for new appliances, I

- 5) look for the ENERGY STAR[®] symbol to buy the most efficient.
 - 3) sometimes buy the most efficient, sometimes the cheapest.
 - 0) buy the cheapest.
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18. When keeping my home cool in very hot weather, I

- 5) open windows at night, close them in the morning and close my curtains.
 - 3) turn my air conditioning at high setting to keep it off for as long as possible.
 - 0) keep my air conditioning on at a low setting which allows it to come on frequently.
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19. When building a new home or upgrading my current one, I will

- 5) install alternative energy systems e.g. solar, wind, geothermal
 - 3) seriously consider alternative energy systems.
 - 0) continue my traditional energy systems.
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20. When housekeeping, I

- 5) always use non-toxic eco-friendly products such as baking soda and vinegar.
 - 3) sometimes use chemical cleaners and disinfectants.
 - 0) always use chemical cleaners and disinfectants.
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- c. A national public debate on energy use and the development of federal legislation and policies to ensure that large scale energy sources, e.g., tar sands, mega dams and nuclear power, do not negatively impact water resources and the environment. _____

3. To combat climate change/warming which will severely impact our fresh water resources, I support:

- a. Government limits (caps) on greenhouse gases for major industries, but permission for industries exceeding limits to pay credits (trade) earned by other industries that are below the caps. _____
- b. Government tax on carbon emissions for industry, home, transportation and fuel use, with money raised going to reduced individual taxes or into programs that promote energy efficiencies, conservation or renewable energy sources. _____
- c. A legislated quota of electricity from renewable resources. _____
- d. government subsidies and/or tax breaks for products, retailers, and the public for green energy production and use. _____

COMMENTS

My age is: up to 30 _____ 31 to 50 _____ 60+ _____

I live in the municipality of _____, in a large urban centre _____, a small town _____, a rural area _____, in the province/territory of _____

I live in: an apartment _____ condominium _____ a house _____ other _____

I receive most of my information from: magazines _____, books _____, TV _____, radio _____, the web _____, government brochures _____

There are four options for completing this survey and getting it back to us:

- a) Use the pdf and Adobe Acrobat's Tool to Fill & Sign; **Save As 'your name'.pdf** and email completed pdf to Ann Porter Bonilla annporter@sympatico.ca (see the attached How To pdf)
- b) Use the Word doc and complete the survey using Word, save as "your name.docx" and email it in.
- c) Print, fill in by hand & mail via Canada Post to Gracia Janes, Box 1590, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
- d) Fill in the sheet and return to whomever distributed it, who will return it to us.