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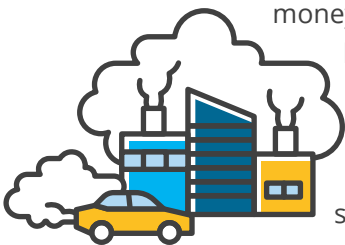
Toronto is experiencing a climate emergency that is putting people at risk.

Local emissions are contributing to floods and heatwaves, and affecting local biodiversity and water quality. Immediate action to reduce excess waste, investment in low-carbon buildings and infrastructure, and increased access to green spaces are key to making Toronto a green, sustainable, and liveable city. **Toronto's upcoming municipal election is a chance for you to vote for a greener, cleaner city.**

What's the Problem?

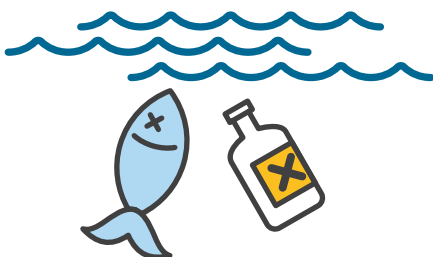
Toronto's Carbon Footprint Is Too Big

More than half of [Toronto's carbon emissions](#) come from heating and cooling buildings, while about 30% comes from transportation — mostly from personal vehicles burning gasoline. In 2019 the City of Toronto declared a [climate emergency](#), but it will take time and money to swap out both of these high-carbon emitters with low-carbon technologies like heat pumps, electric vehicles, good transit, and safe biking options.



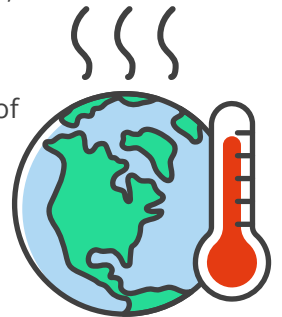
Private Companies Don't Pay Their Fair Share for Stormwater

Toronto residents [subsidize the water fees](#) of companies, and companies like commercial parking lot owners do not even pay a water fee while contributing significant amounts of potentially harmful stormwater into our water system.



Climate Change Puts Vulnerable Residents at Higher Risk

Climate change is already causing [higher temperatures and increased flooding](#) in Toronto, but some people and communities will suffer more than others. For example, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, older adults, and individuals with chronic illnesses are at [greater risk](#) of heat-related illnesses. These same populations tend to have lower incomes and may have more challenges reaching places to cool down during hot weather.



Toronto Has a Garbage Problem

The COVID-19 pandemic saw an [increase in garbage](#) and single-use plastics at home. In one year, single family households in Toronto throw away over [500 million pieces](#) of single-use items. Almost half of Torontonians [live in multi-family/multi-residential buildings](#), where there are generally fewer options for recycling and organic waste.



Take Action!

1. Ask Your City Council Candidates If They Will Commit to the Following Actions:

- Fully fund Toronto's [TransformTO climate strategy](#) with new revenue tools and funding sources dedicated to climate action.
- Scale up green building programs that also increase the number of safe and deeply affordable housing units.
- Make polluters pay for stormwater reduction and flood-proofing projects through a fair stormwater charge.
- Protect tenants from heatwaves with a maximum safe temperature for rental units.
- Work with communities to develop local emergency preparedness plans to support residents impacted by extreme weather.
- Work with local communities to expand access to parks, ravines, green spaces, and shade, prioritizing neighbourhoods where people have limited access to green space.
- Reduce waste with regulations to eliminate unnecessary single-use items (e.g., plastic bags) and require businesses and City facilities to shift to reusable foodware.
- Create a plan to ensure Toronto residents in all building types have access to recycling and organics collection.



2. Learn More About the Candidates

[Attend an event](#) such as an All Candidates Debate to learn more about the election issues and where candidates stand.



3. Pledge to Vote

[Election day](#) is on October 24.

[Advance polls](#) are from October 7–14.

[Apply to vote](#) by mail from September 1–23.