



Create a healthy, resilient, and sustainable Charlotte for all.



2030 Municipal Goal: Strive toward 100% zero carbon City fleet and buildings by 2030.
2050 Community Goal: Strive to become a low carbon city by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to below 2 tons of CO₂ equivalent per person annually.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?

Energy Use

- Turn off computer screens when not in use
- Turn off lights when you leave a room
- Switch out your old fluorescent bulbs for LED bulbs
- Unplug appliances that are not in use
- Set your thermostat to a schedule. Check your local utility's website to see what temperatures they recommend to save energy and money
- Use cold water for laundry, and do laundry in full loads

Transportation

- Use public transit: visit www.charlottenc.gov/cats to learn more
- Walk, bike, scooter
- Carpool or vanpool: visit www.charlottenc.gov/cats/commuting/vanpool to learn more
- Consider an electric, hybrid, or fuel efficient vehicle if you are purchasing a car

Waste/Water

- Support local eating and drinking establishments that are implementing sustainability practices: visit: www.charlottenc.gov/greencrown to learn more
- Compost
- Recycle: learn what CAN and CANNOT be recycled at: <https://www.mecknc.gov/LUESA/SolidWaste/Disposal-Recycling/Pages/what-can-and-cannot-be-recycled.aspx> and if you're curious where to put other unwanted items such as garbage, recycling, yard waste, etc. check out the Waste Wizard at: <https://charlottenc.gov/SWS/Pages/WasteWizard.aspx>
- Purchase local produce
- Use reusable bags (wherever you shop - grocery store, farmers market, home goods store)
- Reduce single-use plastic: carry reusable silver ware, use reusable containers instead of single-use plastic baggies, use a reusable water bottle and coffee mug, refuse straws
- Avoid printing paper, or when needed, print front and back
- Conserve water: take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing your teeth, use a rain barrel for your garden: visit <https://charlottenc.gov/water/conservation/Pages/Conservation.aspx>

Read the full SEAP at www.charlottenc.gov/sustainability/seap