Greenworks on the Ground















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CLIMATE PREPARED AND CARBON NEUTRAL COMMUNITIES

All Philadelphians are prepared for climate change and reduce carbon pollution

Greenworks is the city's sustainability plan to improve quality of life for all Philadelphians. We've developed guides to show individuals, communities, and institutions how they can help make the Greenworks visions a reality. All of the guides are available at www.phila.gov/green or by calling 215-686-3495.



CLIMATE PREPARED

- ☐ Educate your employees, congregants, and students:

 Offer educational materials on climate change, including the

 Greenworks on the Ground handout for individuals: www.phila.

 gov/green.
- ☐ Incorporate climate change into planning process: Screen your assets for vulnerability to climate hazards and account for those vulnerabilities during the capital planning process.
- ☐ **Prepare for extreme weather:** Make sure you have an emergency plan for extreme weather.



GROWING STRONGER REPORT

Information about how climate change will impact Philadelphia, including projections for changes in temperature, precipitation, and sea levels, is available in *Growing Stronger*, available

at tiny.cc/GrowingStrongerPHL. The report also includes recommendations for how to incorporate climate science into your investment decisions.

CARBON NEUTRAL

- ☐ Encourage public transit usage: Offer pre-tax purchase of transportation passes to incentivize your employees or students to take public transportation.
- ☐ Hire an energy services company: An energy services company (ESCO) will audit and retrofit your building to save energy and money. You can contact the Delaware Valley Green Building Council for help identifying a contractor.



www.dvgbc.org



215-399-5790

- □ Run a clean fleet: If you maintain a vehicle fleet, use cleaner vehicles such as hybrids or electric vehicles and ensure drivers comply with anti-idling laws.
- ☐ Set greenhouse gas reduction targets: Use the EPA's Carbon Footprint Calculator to determine your organization's carbon footprint and set a goal to reduce it each year.



www.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator

- ☐ Start an energy management program: Whether you rent one floor or manage an entire campus of buildings, you can develop an energy management strategy to save money and reduce your carbon footprint.
 - Set an annual energy reduction goal.

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- Take advantage of utility incentive programs.
- Provide opportunities for building operator training.
- Establish operational standards to set back energy use and power down computers during periods of inactivity.







