

Winter Solstice Climate Action Items

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The most important thing we can do as members of a global community living under the threat of catastrophic climate change is educate ourselves. While many solutions may seem insurmountable or unachievable, there are many actions we can make in our day-to-day lives that will have impacts. Read on to learn how you can make an impact this season.

Climate Action Evanston

Buildings account for 80% of all greenhouse gas emissions here in Evanston, the largest source of any sector. In January, we have a huge opportunity to significantly reduce these emissions through the passage of the proposed *Healthy Buildings ordinance, which would establish energy performance standards for the largest buildings in Evanston.*

To support this vital work, join Climate Action Evanston's "Healthy Buildings Coalition", which is organizing residents to advocate for the ordinance at upcoming City Council meetings. To join the coalition, simply scan the QR code or navigate to the link below to fill out a short contact form. After that, we will contact you about ways to support the cause. All are welcome to join, even those from outside of Evanston.



<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-the-healthy-buildings-coalition>

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In this season of celebration and giving, consider these ways to reduce your environmental impact:

Compost your tree after the holidays. There are drop off points all over Chicago. Learn more by visiting this URL: <http://bit.ly/3tiYlcFx>

Use sustainable gift wrapping techniques. Skip traditional wrapping paper for newspaper, brown paper bags, cloth, or re-use gift bags you may already have. Better yet, use nontraditional packaging like mason jars or tins.

Think local, shop local. Explore local thrift stores or consignment shops for gifts that promote reuse. Reduce your carbon footprint by supporting shops close to home.

Evanston Public Library: Blueberry Awards

Read a Blueberry book and then do a nature related activity, with or without a child. Be open to how much joy learning more about nature will give you.

Interfaith Action of Evanston: Climate Change and Justice Working Group In the spirit of the Winter Solstice, take action in 2025 to protect our health and planet from the harmful impacts of plastic by contacting your legislators in Congress to support the federal Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act—Beyond Plastics – Working to End Single-Use Plastic Pollution. For more information on this proposed bill and others actions you can take, get our full flyer in the back.