



Monaghan County Council's Climate Action Plan

has been prepared to meet the increasing challenge of climate change for our county. To secure a sustainable future for the citizens of Monaghan, the 5-year plan contains over 150 climate actions across the 5 themes of: Governance, Built Environment & Transport, Natural Environment, Communities & Sustainability.

What is Climate Change? Climate change refers to a large-scale, long-term shift in the earth's weather patterns and average temperature.

Four key targets of the plan are:

- 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030.
- 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
- To make Monaghan a climate resilient County, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events; and
- To actively engage and inform our communities on climate action.



Examples of what Monaghan County Council will do:



Improve the energy efficiency of Council buildings & Council owned social housing.



Promote the use of nature-based solutions to reduce the impact of flooding.



Deliver active travel and greenway projects and encourage more cycling and walking.



Increase tree cover to support nature, improve water quality, and aid flood protection.



Support the agricultural sector to transition to more sustainable farming techniques.



Promote locally produced and organic food and produce.



Support communities to access funding for action on climate change.



Support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.

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What you can do to help combat Climate Change:

The small actions all add up, so no matter where you start on your carbon reduction journey everything is worthwhile.



Make your home more efficient

- Switch to renewable power and heating sources where possible.
- Improve the insulation of your home.
- Choose more efficient appliances and lightbulbs.



Travel smart

Reduce the number of miles you drive, where possible, use active travel modes such as walking and cycling. For longer distances choose public transport or try to carpool where possible.



Buy less stuff

Rather than buying new, why not try to buy second-hand? Avoid food waste by only buying what you need and being aware of best before dates when buying food.



Talk about climate change

Talk to others about climate change, at work, school or with friends and family. This helps raise awareness and encourages others to take action too.



What can I do about climate change in my garden?

Be water-wise: In the garden collect rainwater where possible instead of using tap water.



Avoid peat-based composts:

Peatlands store huge amounts of carbon. Look, ask for and use peat-free composts. Compost as much of your kitchen and garden waste as you can.



Make space for wildlife:

Plant areas with native tree species along with pollinator friendly plants in the garden.



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