



Sustainability Presentation

City Staff and New Employees



**BURLINGTON
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Burlington's Current Realities

Welcome to the City of Burlington and thank you for your role in helping to make Burlington one of America's best small cities.

Part of Burlington's success can be attributed to our work on climate planning. Through our Climate Action Plan we have aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets.

The main purpose of Burlington's Climate Action Plan is to raise awareness about how the private and public sectors and individuals can reduce greenhouse gas emissions that lead to climate change.

Our goals include leveling off existing emissions to 2010 levels.

Your Role

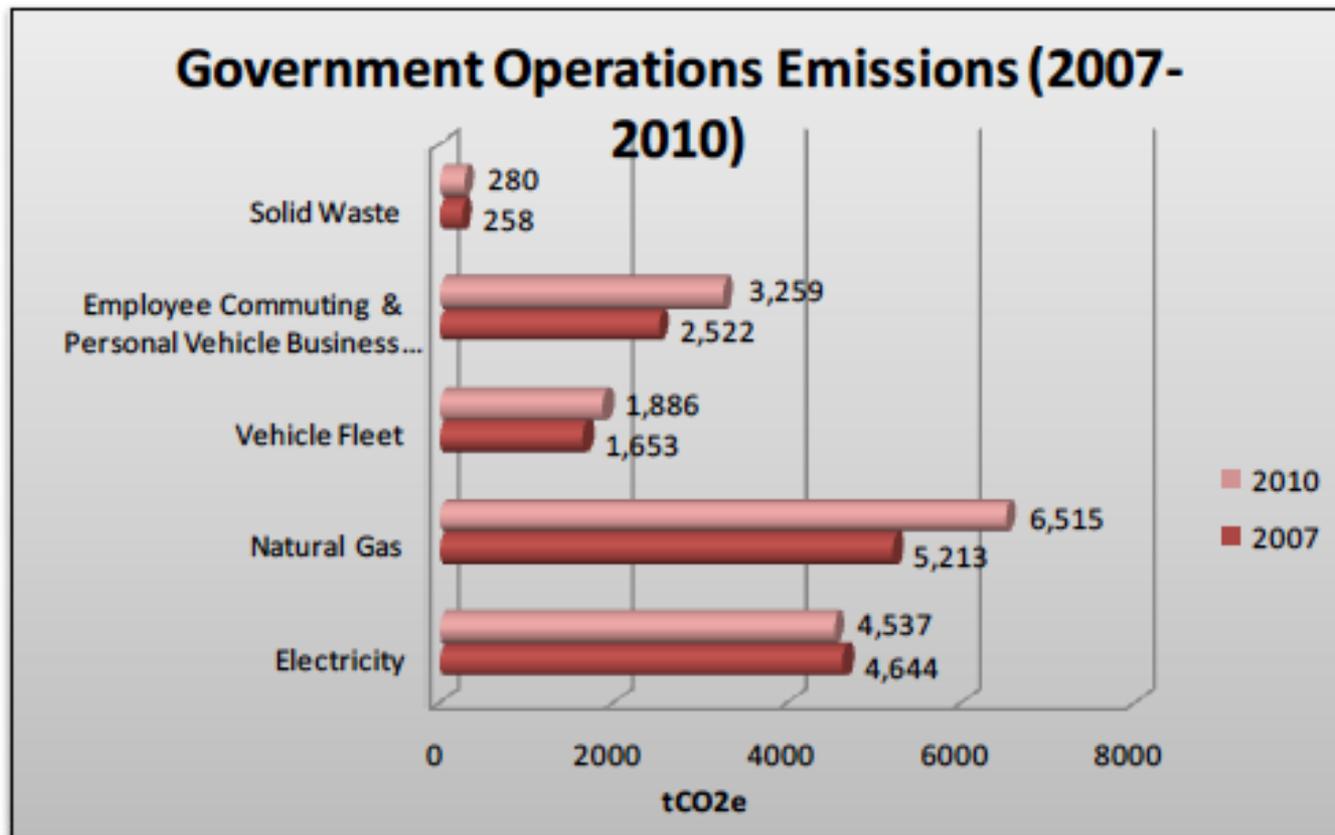
This presentation is going to explain your role, as a City staff person, in reducing green house gases.

It will outline 3 main areas

(Transportation, Energy, and Waste)

and what YOU can do to help us reach our goals...

City Government Emissions



Transportation



Emissions from employee commuting is on the rise. How can you help?

- Bike, Walk, Carpool
- Join the Campus Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA)
 - Free CATMA Programs
 - Bike/Walk Reward
 - Emergency Ride Home
 - Confidential Carpooling matching.
 - Discounted CCTA
 - Become a member by calling *Sandy Thibault at 656-7433 ext 3* Online: *catmavt.org*
- Ride the Bus: Pick up a Bus Pass at Human Resources
- Join Carshare VT



Bike Burlington

- Start Commuting by Bike
 - Workshops, Guidebooks, Tips and Stories:
 - <http://www.localmotion.org/resources/commuting>
- Earn Rewards for Biking
 - Purchase a \$5 Bicycle Benefits sticker at Local Motion, City Market and others.
 - Take Advantage of Discounts in over 50 Participating stores.



Get a Sticker



Put it on your Helmet



Bike it and Save!



645 Pine Street Bike Facilities

- Female and Male locker rooms with showers
- 2 bike racks
 - 1 covered in the front, one exposed in the back
- 2 bikes (and helmets) for staff in the Plengineering Dept
- Check-out sheet is located at the far side of the hanging wall rack.
- Ask your department about the availability of staff bikes.

Energy



Electricity use in city operations has decreased 2%
between 2007 and 2010.

Here is what you can do to help support this downward trend:

- Don't use screen savers. Use "Sleep Mode" and save 96% more energy. Go to "Help" in Windows '95 and type "energy star monitor." If you need help, contact IT.
- Turn off all computers and printers at close of business
- Reduce energy use by using power strips
- Switch desk lights to LED
- Turn off appliances when not in use (coffee makers)
- Print double sided
- Contact Burlington Electric Department to learn more.
 - www.burlingtonelectric.com and www.encyvermont.com

Food and Waste



Local Food

To help advance Burlington's strategy in promoting local food production:

- Buy Local at a cooperative or farmers market. Consider Purchasing a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) share like the Intervale Food Hub
- Sign up online at www.intervalefoodhub.com
- Prices range from ~\$20-~\$50 a week for 20 weeks (All dependent on which subscription you'd like)
- Locations to pick up your CSA:
 - City Hall on the 3rd floor each week on Wednesdays.
 - Robert Miller Center in the New North End Wednesdays.
 - For more locations near you visit:
 - intervalefoodhub.com/membership/delivery-locations



Waste

Burlington City Government generated 1,600 tons of trash in 2010.
Through compost and recycling we can do better. Here's how:

- Compost and recycling bins are located in all downtown departments.
- Things to be included in Recycling:
 - Metals, Paper, Cardboard, Glass, Plastic, Batteries, Electronics.
- Things to be included in Compost:
 - Any and all food scraps
 - Paper towels
 - Products that say *compostable* on it
 - Tea bags and coffee grounds



Resources

- Climate Action Plan: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/assets/0/122/318/360/815/816/2430/2440/c9620f02-dbdb-44ea-8f70-6f2e94aef22a.pdf>
- CATMA membership: Call Sandy Thibault at 656-7433 ext 3 Online: catmavt.org
- Energy Efficiency: www.burlingtonelectric.com and www.encyvermont.com/
- CSA Sign up: www.intervalefoodhub.com
- CSA Locations: www.intervalefoodhub.com/membership/delivery-locations/
- Composting: www.cswd.net/composting/
- Recycling: www.cswd.net/recycling/

Thank you!

Remember to:

- Consider alternative transportation methods.
- Reduce your energy load.
- Support farmers and healthy local food.
- Cut down on waste and disposing properly.

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