

# Climate Change

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## Edgartown climate actions this year:

- Edgartown has engaged an engineering firm to develop 35% design plans for **resilience improvements at the Chappy Ferry landings** at Daggett Street and Chappaquiddick, positioning the project for permitting and grant funding opportunities.
- Edgartown is replacing fossil fuel burning equipment with **electric heat pumps at four town buildings** with help from a \$217,000 grant from the Massachusetts Green Communities program.
- Edgartown applied for and received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to plan a **microgrid with solar power and battery storage** for buildings at its Highway Department campus.
- Edgartown voted at Town Meeting to **phase out the use of gas leaf blowers** by May 31, 2028, which will reduce the amount of energy used and eliminate the shocking amount of air and noise pollution caused by operating backpack and handheld blowers.
- At Town Meeting, Edgartown also enacted **restrictions on the clear-cutting of lots**, which will reduce the opportunities for soil disturbance and erosion and expand the protection for trees and their related ecosystems, the shade and privacy they provide, and the carbon they sequester.



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## Actions you can take:

- **REFUSE** items which will become trash; **REDUCE** what you use and buy; **REUSE** what you can; **RECYCLE** what you can't.
- **Shop local** to support Island farms, local fisheries, and small businesses and to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Carry a personal **water bottle** and use the **FREE** water bottle refill stations in Edgartown at Memorial Wharf, the Town Hall, and the visitor center on Church Street or go to [vineyardconservation.org/tap-map](http://vineyardconservation.org/tap-map) to find **FREE** water bottle refill stations throughout the Island.
- Bring **reusable shopping bags** with you for all your shopping.
- Recycle clean **plastic bags** at Stop & Shop.
- Buy a shellfish license and **harvest** some shellfish.
- Put **only toilet tissue in the toilet**, no wipes or personal products.
- **Don't idle** your vehicle, even for a short amount of time.
- **Dispose** of fishing gear, balloons, straws, and other plastics properly so they don't end up on beaches or harming ocean wildlife.
- Ride **FREE electric** public buses and bike or walk when possible.
- **Stay off** dunes and marsh grasses. They provide important habitat and protect the Island from storm surges.



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