



Notice: Global Climate Strike on Friday September 15th

This global event is organized locally by a coalition of civil society organizations who are encouraging young people, students, parents, teachers and community members to participate in the Global Climate Strike on unceded xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) lands / Vancouver.

Be aware that there are likely to be a large demonstration of of people. For reference the last time this took place in 2019 there were over [100,000 people](#) participating.

The organizers are planning to gather at Vancouver City Hall at 1 pm and march at 1:30 pm over the Cambie bridge, through downtown and finish at the Vancouver Art Gallery at 3 pm for speakers, performances, and activities. For more information see <https://www.forourkids.ca/vanclimatestrike>

If your business is on the route or need to move through downtown expect disruption on major roads downtown.

Tourism is a sector that identified as having a significant [vulnerability to climate change](#). In 2021 the UNWTO has laid out a plan for a one planet vision for a Responsible Recovery of the Tourism Sector from COVID-19 to strengthen the measurement and disclosure of CO2

emissions in tourism, accelerate the decarbonization of tourism operations and engage the tourism sector in carbon removal.

The [Glasgow Declaration](#) was officially launched at COP26 UN Climate Change Conference. It proposes a coordinated plan for tourism to support the global commitment to halve emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050. Destination Vancouver has been measuring its corporate climate emissions since completing an benchmark in 2016 and is committed to the goals set in the Glasgow Declaration.

This is a good opportunity to be prepared to discuss with your staff, customer and partners how your business is working to mitigate climate emissions and planning ways to adapt and be resilient to climate change impacts. If you have not yet started, it is never too late.

Here are some good resources:

- City of Vancouver [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#)
- City of Vancouver [Opportunities for Climate Leaders](#)
- Vancouver Economic Commission [business toolkit](#) for taking your first steps on climate change.
- BC First Nations [Climate Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- Share Reuse Repair Initiative [Circular Economy Network Series](#) 2023-24 program
- Climate Smart Business [training](#)
- Green Step [carbon footprint](#) measurement
- Apply for A Better Table's \$1500 value food [waste audit](#) sponsored by Vancity.

