

2026 Climate Plan Policy Items for Focus Areas Water and Waste

The below are specific Climate Plan actions for consideration that were determined to be Policy-oriented. This means that PEC would advise Council on whether or how to move these forward, using information provided by staff.

WATER

Climate Plan Action

Water restrictions-enforcement and fees for non-compliance.

Add code language to specify that rain sensor is required on new watering systems and put in place a mitigation plan/promotion to encourage existing systems install a rain sensor.

Review city use of sprinklers to ensure behavior and compliance to minimize water usage and adhere to same standards we will hold residents to.

Use of permeable surfaces in new developments and re-developments.

Incentive for property owners to remove unused impermeable surfaces.

Zoning policy establishing a maximum allowable area of new impervious surfaces in commercial district.

Revisit recent ordinance change not recognizing pervious pavers.

Consider establishing a revegetation fund to help residents pay to have dead trees removed and replaced with more hardy species.

Use the city's RFP process to negotiate a reduced rate for homeowners who choose to use a single vendor for tree removal.

WASTE

Climate Plan Action

Monitor counties programs for feasibility of providing residents with curbside compost removal.

Adopt ordinance that says community event organizers need to use recyclable and compostable products and properly collect and dispose of waste. Additionally, change the current policy that does not allow events to use the drop at city hall (e.g. we were not allowed to use the site for a waste free event at school sponsored by Green Team)

Consider establishing a fund to reduce or eliminate the financial barriers of proper hazardous waste disposal.

Collaborate with local businesses to determine feasibility and barriers associated with a single-use plastic ban. Based on stakeholder feedback, establish an ordinance addressing single-use plastics.

Collaborate with property managers for multi-family housing units to provide compost removal facilities for tenants to dispose of their waste.

Incentivize or look at policies to reduce waste from businesses (food service providers use compostables, businesses do more to reduce use of plastic bags).

Adopt policy about building tear down needing to use proper disposal techniques to reduce the amount of waste and reuse/recover material.