

CLIMATE CHANGE

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Whether you call it climate change, global warming, or the climate crisis, the average temperature of Earth is rising. We're already experiencing:

Higher temperatures

Extreme weather events

Wildfires

Rising sea levels

Ocean acidification

Changes in precipitation patterns

Biodiversity loss

Health risks

All of this has a negative effect on agriculture along with economic, social and political consequences. Left unchecked, we're heading towards a global crisis that will impact humans and all life forms including the natural environment that sustains us. We cannot stop the climate from changing, but we can mitigate its impact. The most important thing is that we act now.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Since 1995 the United Nations has organized COP climate meetings where world governments have met to discuss what to do about our changing climate. Over the years, these meetings have resulted in some achievements and several agreements. But in December 2023 for the first time, over 200 countries publicly acknowledged that this is one of the primary causes of the rise in global temperatures. Although this may seem like an obvious and necessary step, this agreement came about due to the economic repercussions we're seeing.

Climate change is a global and local issue. While governments are working toward a common goal, change will also need to take place locally, where each one of us lives.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

EDA believes that a grass roots approach starting in your community can have an impact. How is climate change affecting your community? We can help you learn more about how to advocate for change. Find out where your local and statewide officials stand on the issue. If they're already actively working to mitigate the effects of climate change, we encourage you to support their initiatives, and if not, then gather a group of like-minded people and together reach out and let them know your concerns.

EDA is one of many groups who are taking action on the issue of climate change at the state and local level. **Talk to us to learn more about the issue and how you can be part of the action.**

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