



OUR EARTH

Our Town, Our Future

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Carbon Emission Reduction

The Hailey 15 x 15 Commitment (15% by 2015)

In February, 2007 the City of Hailey committed to reducing its carbon emissions by signing the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, the 5th city in Idaho to do so. To help quantify our efforts, we have completed the government's carbon "baseline" and in September the City Council will consider a resolution to commit to an annual reduction of 3% from our 2005 level. Our interim goal is 15% by 2015 (15 X 15).

To facilitate this process, the City of Hailey has joined ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, which includes an extensive database and resources to quantify emissions and proposed reductions. By retrofitting existing lights and thermostats, in addition to being attentive to building temperatures, lighting and fuel consumption, we are on track to a 5% overall greenhouse gas reduction by the end of our next fiscal year. City buildings, not including the Waste Water Treatment Plant, have reduced their electric consumption by 13% and natural gas by 11%. Concurrently, we are researching best practices with the Waste Water Treatment Plant, traffic signals, HVAC systems and water usage. This winter the holiday lights will be LED (light-emitting diode), which consume approximately 10% of the power of

the traditional incandescent bulbs, and on timers. Della and Curtis Parks have been using organic fertilizers rather than chemical-laden products as a pilot program. Employees are encouraged to take advantage of Mountain Rides, the Van Pools, bikes, carpooling and walking for their commutes. Some of the departments are experimenting with four-day work weeks (4x10 hours/day) which helps save employee commute time as well as building utilities when applicable. We will keep you informed on our progress; please let us know how you are doing! Feel free to email becky.stokes@haileycityhall.org.

Recycling

What To Do with Fall Yard Waste

As summer winds down and you begin to prepare your gardens for fall and winter, don't forget about the organic waste/mulch program at Ohio Gulch! You may haul one load of clean garden waste per week for no charge (no dirt, rock, root balls, construction waste, noxious weeds, trash, food waste, plastic or other inorganic materials). There it is processed and turned into mulch, to augment your soil and help it retain moisture and regulate soil temperatures. For more information on the yard waste program, call the Transfer Station at 788-2351.



Water Conservation

Autumn Lawns Need Less Water

As temperatures cool and days shorten, your lawn and garden water needs are reduced accordingly. Don't forget to adjust your irrigation and save on your water bills! Citywide residential water consumption is down 15% from August 2007, and down 19% from last month. Though some lawns might appear a bit "golden," they will be lush and green in the spring.

Car Idling Fact

Vehicle emissions are toxic. An idling car concentrates those emissions where pedestrians (including children) are most present and emits nearly 20 times more pollution than a car traveling at 30 miles an hour.