

Town of Chevy Chase Climate Protection Committee (update March 26, 2009)

Activities to date:

1. Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs: Distributed to almost half of households with educational materials (distributed at events, house-to-house distribution, and in new residents pack). We also got the Town to provide a disposal bin at the Town offices for used CFLs (which, because they contain small amounts of mercury, need to be recycled as hazardous waste).
2. Table at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic (2006, 2007, 2008) "Booth" to distribute CFLs and provide information about global warming and energy conservation.
3. Got town to buy Renewable Energy Credits for streetlights. Investigating buying renewable energy and converting to higher efficiency bulbs.
4. Sponsored numerous talks on issues relevant to global warming and home energy efficiency.
5. Hands-on composting talks plus home visits by Town composting team
6. Publicity about political and other events (Clean Cars Act, Global Warming Act, rallies in Annapolis, Solar House Tour, Solar Decathlon on Mall)
7. Monthly column in "Forecast" (until 2/09) and monthly climate "Tip" (3/09 and later)
8. Greenhouse Gas Survey 2007 and results (2008)  
(<http://www.townofchevychase.org/assets/documents/pdfs/committees/climate/GHGAssessmentFinal.pdf>)
9. Climate Pledge (giving a Town logo reusable grocery bag to all pledgers)
10. Demo home energy audit (8/08) for all to observe
11. Negotiated reduced price home energy audits for Town residents and promoted program widely.
12. Hands-on weather stripping workshop (11/08)
13. Climate Action Plan approved Dec. 2008  
<http://www.townofchevychase.org/assets/documents/pdfs/committees/climate/cccfinal.pdf>
14. Step up to the Challenge month long walking program to encourage residents to walk more and drive less (March 15-April 12 2009). Close to one-hundred people registered for the walkathon. The 33 people who submitted their final tallies walked a total of 6,038,667 steps or approximately 3020 miles during the four-week challenge. Free pedometers were given to all participants and many prizes were awarded.
15. Further information provided on web page. The CPC is developing linked webpage which will enable more interactive and more flexible environment for information exchange.