

Brattleboro Common Sense
Climate Sacrifice Survey
Results from Global Climate Strike – September 20, 2019

Resource Rationing / Bans: Would you be amenable to:

1. Wearing an extra layer of clothing at work (low thermostat setting)?

Y:21

Comments:

Already doing this (3).

In summer, you just need ceiling fans.

Keep extra blankets at work for employees.

2. A [three / five / seven]-hour daily water ban? Y:3 N:1

Hours: Three:3 Five:6 Seven:3

Comments:

No, there's health issues. I have a heart condition, this could literally kill me.

Potentially on major appliances, but not entirely. But maybe it would just require a change in lifestyle.

Only when necessary.

Water is too necessary for this to be workable.

Which block(s) of time? Midnight-5am: 3 // Any time: 3 // At night: 2

Ideas about accommodating this change in the home and at work?

Water storage and filtration.

While at work and sleeping.

Limiting watering lawns.

Business is impossible. Home is very easy.

Plan water usage for times that aren't banned.

Before banning, get into ways to store and preserve water.

3. Mandatory home fuel rationing with medical exemptions? With subsidies for those with exemptions?

Y:9 N:1

Comments:

Incentives to help switch home heating systems to mini-splits.

In theory, but those medical exemptions basically force disabled people to stay at home.

Strict rationing for non-renewable sourced.

Does this include electric heat pumps? Subsidies available for conversion to efficient systems.

Only when necessary.

I'd rather see incentives and help with non-fossil-fuels.

4. Gasoline rationing?

Y:11 N:1

Comments:

Incentives for electric or hydrogen cars.

No get off fossil fuels.

Yes, you can use cooking oil in diesel vehicles.

This might be too regressive. High taxes on purchase of wasteful vehicles and bigger registration fees.

Only when necessary.

Not for individuals.

Weekly allocation.

Travel: Would you be willing to:

5. Use bus routes instead of a car within 25 miles (Bellows Falls & Greenfield), adding to your trip:

30 minutes? **Y:15 N:1**

60 minutes? **Y:7 N:2**

90 minutes? **Y:3 N:4**

Comments:

I could do better with not driving my car alone.

I'd be interested if there was more infrastructure, starting with much more frequent bus service.

The need is a whole transportation system, not a few added routes: Critical mass of mass transport.

20 miles on a 15mph bike = 90minutes, so I wouldn't take a 90 minute bus.

6. According to ability, walk to local appointments and tasks, if it added to your trip (one-way):

15 minutes? **Y:15 N:1**

30 minutes? **Y:11 N:2 M:2**

60 minutes? **Y:3 N:6 M:1**

7. Limit vacations to one-state-away distances? **Y:8 N:7 M:1**

Give up vacation travel altogether? **Y:2 N:10 M:1**

Comments:

Travel smarter, not less. It's important to see the country and our planet.

Seek alternative forms of travel.

So hard. I don't know.

8. Not go to a close-family event if it required cross-continental or intercontinental travel?

Graduation: **Y:10 N:4 M:1**

Wedding: **Y:10 N:5 M:1**

Funeral: **Y:8 N:4 M:2**

What other sacrifices are you willing to make?

Blocks of power shutdowns. 12am-3am car curfew.

Cell phone use. Biking not driving.

Shopping at big companies. Limiting plastic use.

Turn down heat. Turn off AC. Stop single-use vehicles. Realistic mass transportation.

Stop eating beef, bananas, avocados, et. al. Cutting my home oil use to zero.

Change of diet. Reused clothing. Recycle. Reduce heat and electricity use.

Not buying new. Cycle to work.

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