

What Can We Do?

The community of Oak Bay relies on Bowker Creek in more ways than you can imagine. It is in our best interest to protect our planet, and the first step starts with Bowker Creek. An easy action that we can do is cut down auto-emissions by choosing to bike or walk or use public transport. Even carpooling can make a difference. Cut down on your daily electrical and energy use, by doing small actions such as hanging your clothes to dry instead of using a dryer, turning off lights when they are not in use or investing in solar power. Did you know it is a proven fact that you do better in school and learn more if you work in daylight? Save on those light bulbs and energy! Plant trees or a pollinator friendly garden, to do a favour for the bees that are so vital for the world. Even your pets can have an impact. Use biodegradable bags, look at the type of litter your using or your cat, these things can have a big impact. Stop wasting too. All the junk mail you receive each year is only thrown out, you can reuse or find a purpose for things like leftover food, crayons, batteries, even soap, and these actions can make a big difference.

If you want to have a huge impact on the environment, raise awareness about a tree called the Empress Splendor. This tree can make a huge difference as it absorbs 11 times more carbon than regular trees, which helps to combat climate change. It produces hard wood in ten years and can regrow itself. Make sure to plant these trees in your community to reduce the imbalance of carbon in the atmosphere.

By making these changes to your everyday routine you are not only helping Oak Bay's Bowker Creek, but also taking small steps towards saving our planet from the effects of global warming. So take the extra effort or spend that little bit more, it will be to your advantage in the long run.



Offset your carbon footprint for life

One acre of trees absorbs 1030 tons of carbon over 10 years