

Brattleboro Common Sense
Climate Sacrifice Survey
From Strolling of the Heifers Day

Resource Rationing / Bans: Would you be amenable to:

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

Y:15

Comment: Workplaces should be open enough for people to be aware what is happening outside.

2. A [three / five / seven]-hour daily water ban?

Y:11

Comments:

Would rather see conservation.

Not practical: Wouldn't people just store water for ban hours and counter the benefit?

Not sure what this would achieve.

Which block(s) of time?

8-9:30 / 1:30-3:00

1:00-4:00 (2), Siesta hours.

11-2p(2) 2-5p(3)

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

Reschedule dishes. Have drinking water ready.

Adjusting activity or whole lifestyle not just for that time. Composting toilets.

Have different departments (work) have running contests of who uses the least water/electricity/etc.

Have a stored supply of water. Bring water bottles to work to fill up before ban.

A step toward quality rather than quantity.

Zone heating.

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

Y:7

Comments:

Would prefer to see public funding and home retrofitting, passive-haus construction standards.

Only during certain months and provided emergency fuel can be accessed for freak climate events.

Problematic if you use the western capitalist system to judge "medical exemptions"

If it's mandatory then I have no choice, so yes I'd submit.

Resources are already, involuntarily being restricted/rationed by economic reality.

4. Gasoline rationing?

Y:8

Comments:

Carbon Fee + Dividend

Raise prices

For pleasure vehicles.

This would require community initiatives to help transportation to/from work.

Travel: Would you be willing to:

5. Use bus routes instead of a car within 25 miles (Bellows Falls & Greenfield), adding to your trip (one-way):
30 minutes? Y:8 N:1 60 minutes? Y:4 M:3 N:2 90 minutes? Y:1 M:1 N:5

6. According to ability, walk to local appointments and tasks, if it added to your trip (one-way):
15 minutes? Y:8 N:1 30 minutes? Y:6 M:2 N:1 60 minutes? Y:3 M:1 N:5

7. Limit vacations to one-state-away distances? Y:5 M:1 N:1

Give up vacation travel altogether? Y:2 N:2

Comments:

Most travel is Climate Conferences

Hesitant, but I don't fly.

Spend time building up interdependent local communities.

Finding a less carbon-footprint way to travel but yes, travelling less too.

Limit: One vacation every 5 years; cancel yearly practice.

The benefits of exposure to different cultures and communities shouldn't be dismissed.

Prioritize bus or train.

Build community where we are.

Have family in Europe, but go by train in the States.

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

Graduation: Y:8 M:3 N:1

Wedding: Y:3 M:5 N:3

Funeral: Y:4 M:4 N:3

Comment: The only close family I have is two children and I would not miss their graduation, wedding or funeral.

GENERAL COMMENT: I'm uncomfortable with the idea of sacrifice, as if it's the only option. It's no forward-thinking of proactive, it's reacting to what is. There are lots of ways to be proactive, especially if it's a large movement. That doesn't mean we have to give up the joy of connecting with family who live far away, or isolating ourselves to a small geographic area.