

# What can I do right now?

Actions large and small that make a difference here in Juneau:

## Prioritize cardboard and paper recycling

**Why?** More paper and cardboard is thrown away in Juneau than all other recyclable materials combined. These materials have value, so recycling them helps keep the costs of Juneau's recycling program down. Recycle this flier when you're done with it!

**How?** Sign up for curbside pickup or bring your materials to Juneau Recycling Center, now open Tuesday - Saturday. More details at: [tinyurl.com/JNUrecycles](https://tinyurl.com/JNUrecycles)

## Protect Juneau's outstanding water: no fat, oil, or grease down the drain

**Why?** Juneau placed second in a 2023 Alaska drinking water taste test, and yet the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Facility is at risk from a high nutrient load. This is due to fats, oils and greases being washed down the drain.

**How?** Scrape plates and dishes prior to washing. Pour used cooking oil and grease into a container such as an empty jar. Seal the jar once the contents have solidified, and put in the trash.

## Reduce food waste

**Why?** A win-win solution to keep your grocery bills down and lower the need for resources used to produce food.

**How?** Plan ahead when you shop and prepare meals. Save these PDF guides for smart shopping ([tinyurl.com/smartshoppingguide](https://tinyurl.com/smartshoppingguide)) and smart storage ([tinyurl.com/ScrapHappyGuide](https://tinyurl.com/ScrapHappyGuide)) and try to buy only the food you need, and eat the food you buy.

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## Go electric at home and on the road

**Why?** Juneau's electricity comes from sustainable hydropower, making it a great choice to power your vehicle or your home. Just ask your neighbors: Juneau has the second highest rate of electric vehicle ownership in the country! And a heat pump or electric boiler can save you money on heating bills.

**How?** Contact the Juneau Electric Vehicle Association for more information about your options ([JuneauEV.org](https://JuneauEV.org)) or get in touch with Alaska Heat Smart ([AKHeatSmart.org](https://AKHeatSmart.org)) for a free home heat pump assessment.

## Charge electric vehicles overnight

**Why?** Charging your vehicle at times when electrical demands are lower will reduce impacts to Juneau's electrical grid.

**How?** Plug in your vehicle in the late evening, or you may be able to program it to charge on a set schedule. You may even be eligible for AEL&P's reduced rate for off-peak EV charging: <https://www.aelp.com/Energy-Conservation/Electric-Vehicles>

## Vote in Juneau elections, and ask candidates about their views on sustainability

Local government plays a major role in sustainability. Be sure to vote in municipal elections, and as you consider who to vote for, ask candidates about issues important to you, including sustainability. The next CBJ election is on **October 3rd, 2023**, and the deadline to register to vote or update your address at [elections.alaska.gov](https://elections.alaska.gov) is September 3rd.

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