

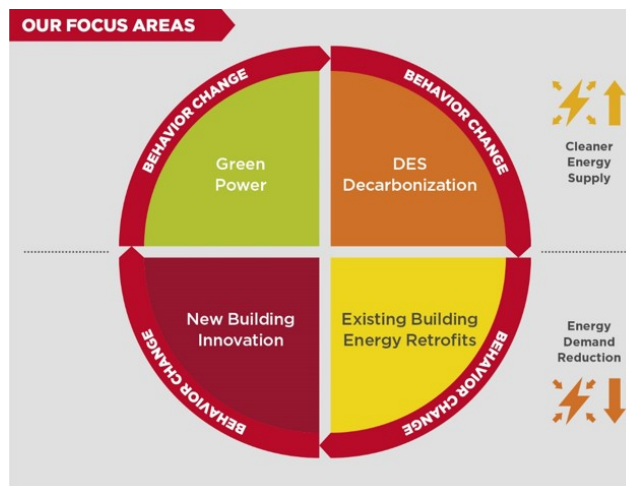


Energy Conservation

Energy conservation is a great way for individuals to help the university reduce its carbon footprint and annual utility costs. By adopting more energy-efficient habits, UCalgary community members can directly contribute to advancing the goals of our [Climate Action Plan](#), as well as the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals 7: Affordable and Clean Energy](#), and [13: Climate Change](#).

Our 2019 CAP outlines actions to realize emissions reductions through four key focus areas to drive cleaner energy supply and energy demand reduction. These priority areas require behaviour change from the community to engage building occupants and building operators in day-to-day actions to reduce energy use.

1. New building innovation
2. Existing building energy retrofits
3. Green power
4. De-carbonization of the district energy system



Although the core actions needed to become a carbon neutral community seem very broad, there are many actions individuals on campus can take to conserve energy, such as:

- Sharing educational resources with peers and having discussions
 - Katherine Hayhoe, "[Oh Canada](#)"
 - Alberta Narratives Project, "[Reflections from Collaborations](#)"
 - CBC's The National, "[The Battery that could make mass solar and wind power viable](#)"
- Having a challenge as an office to go meatless on Mondays
- Biking to work or organizing ride-shares
- Replacing appliances that no longer function with [Energy Star certified](#) products
- Only running dishwashers when full
- Using [Zoom](#) or other online platforms to avoid commuting to meetings