



Due to the changing climate and the urban heat island effect, the Sacramento region is projected to grow hotter. Luckily, individuals have the power to control urban heat; your choices can make your home and community more resilient.

## **COOL MOBILITY**

Biking, walking, and enjoying public transportation are zero- or low-carbon mobility choices, and also provide healthy exercise. Gasoline-powered cars emit air pollution, greenhouse gases, and waste heat as part of vehicle exhaust, worsening air quality and warming neighborhoods.

## **COOL LIFESTYLE**

Because they don't have a combustion engine, electric vehicles emit 80% less heat than gasoline-powered cars. Thus, EVs contribute less to the urban heat island effect. The state provides up to \$7,000 to those interested in purchasing or leasing a new electric vehicle ([CleanVehicleRebate.org](http://CleanVehicleRebate.org)). To cruise for less commitment, consider an electric car share like GIG ([gigcarshare.com](http://gigcarshare.com)).

## **COOL ADVOCATE**

Ask your local representatives and local government for more street trees, biking and walking paths, community gardens, cool pavements, and other neighborhood services that can help to reduce the urban heat island.