

Environment is one of five topics we would like to hear from you about.

Environmental sustainability is a priority for Council and The City of Calgary, and is addressed in Calgary 2026's Draft Hosting Plan Concept. Environmental sustainability is about actions to keep our communities, air, water and land healthy today and for the future.



Calgary 2026's Draft Hosting Plan Concept What's proposed for Calgary and surrounding areas

Environmental sustainability

The draft hosting plan proposes a number of ways to protect the environment, including:

- Use energy and transportation for the Games that will not harm the environment
- Reuse, reduce and recycle as much as possible before, during and after the Games
- Plan a Games' food program based on Alberta's agriculture and cuisine
- Build Indigenous knowledge into ways to connect to and protect the land
- Protect the natural environment, wildlife habitat and routes when building or upgrading Games venues
- Transportation planning would promote a lower carbon footprint, including mass transit solutions, active transportation (biking, walking), and low or no emission bus and fleet vehicles where possible
- Grouping the proposed event venues, both existing and new, is strategic to help reduce travel times, costs, and the impact of vehicles on the environment
- A zero-waste goal that aims to send as little waste as possible to our landfills
- Utilizing local resources, including goods, equipment and materials, which also helps reduce travel distances

Potential benefits and risks of hosting the Games

Benefits

- Venue locations take advantage of existing infrastructure, reducing the need to build additional, Games-specific infrastructure
- Put existing and new venues in four main areas to help reduce travel times, costs and the effect of vehicles on the environment
- Requiring spectators and workforce to use public transit during the Games in The City of Calgary will lower the carbon footprint and support public health
- Utilizing and sourcing local and sustainable services, goods, equipment and materials, which reduces transportation distance and waste



Risks

- Hosting an event of this size will have some impacts on the environment
- The draft hosting plan does not remove all the effects on the environment, but aims to reduce them
- Potential that some actions planned to address environmental sustainability can't be fully implemented

Aligning with City priorities

The City is reviewing the draft hosting plan to see how well it fits with Citizen Priorities, Council Directives, City policies, strategies and long-term capital and financial plans. The draft hosting plan supports The City's Environmental Policy and Climate Resilience strategy.

The Council Directives linked to this topic are: *A healthy and green city* and *A well-run city*.

