

**ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS AN
80% REDUCTION OF GHG's BASED ON
1990 LEVELS: AN ACTION GUIDE**



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A Brief Overview:
(From the Inconvenient Truth – Climatecrisis.net)

WHAT IS GLOBAL WARMING?

Carbon dioxide and other gases warm the surface of the planet naturally by trapping heat from the sun in the atmosphere. This is a good thing because it keeps our planet livable. However, by burning fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil and clearing forests we have dramatically increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere and temperatures begin to rise.

The vast majority of scientists agree that global warming is real, it's already happening and that it is the result of our activities and not a natural occurrence. The evidence is overwhelming and undeniable.

We're already seeing changes. Glaciers are melting, plants and animals are being forced from their habitat, and the number of severe storms and droughts is increasing.

- The number of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes has almost doubled in the last 30 years
- Malaria has spread to higher altitudes in places like the Colombian Andes, 7,000 feet above sea level.
- The flow of ice from glaciers in Greenland has more than doubled over the past decade.
- At least 279 species of plants and animals are already responding to global warming, moving closer to the poles.
- The 10 hottest years ever recorded, have all occurred within the last 14 years. 2005 was the hottest.
- The Arctic is melting so fast it may now be past the point of no return.

If the warming continues, we can expect catastrophic consequences.

- Deaths from global warming will double in just 25 years -- to 300,000 people a year.
- Global sea levels could rise by more than 20 feet with the loss of shelf ice in Greenland and Antarctica, devastating coastal areas worldwide.
- Heat waves will be more frequent and more intense.
- Droughts and wildfires will occur more often.
- The Arctic Ocean could be ice free in summer by 2050
- More than a million species worldwide could be driven to extinction by 2050.

There is no doubt we can solve this problem. In fact, we have a moral obligation to do so. The time to come together to solve this problem is now – TAKE ACTION

GLOBAL WARMING THREATENS SANTA CLAUS



Few are talking about, but the truth is out there. Santa Claus is in deep do do.

As global warming melts his Arctic homes, Rudolph and his brother and sister reindeer are under threat, along with - polar bears, ice-dwelling seals and several forms of Arctic vegetation - not to mention the many indigenous human inhabitants of the area.

"We are already seeing signs of significant change in the Arctic with mountain glaciers retreating, snow cover disappearing, the Greenland ice sheet thinning and Arctic sea ice cover declining," said World Wildlife Fund climate campaigner Andrew Lee.

"All these changes tell us there is no time to lose - we need to take drastic action now to combat climate change."

Potential changes to Santa's operations:

- **Loss of Santa's Reindeer.** Higher temperatures will prohibit the use of cold-loving reindeer to pull Santa's sleigh and threaten this cold-adapted species with extinction.
- **Christmas Carols Crossover.** I'm Dreaming of a Light Christmas, Let it Flow, Let it Flow, Let it Flow, and Walking in a Summer Sunnyland are just a few titles hoping to adapt.
- **Decreasing Use of Stockings.** Due to increasing temperatures, fewer people will have large, heavy stockings and fireplaces. The Report predicts that children will substitute baseball caps and sandals and will hang the receptacle of their choice over air conditioning ducts and room air conditioners and from ceiling fans.
- **Move to Virtual Christmas Trees.** Higher temperatures are predicted to decrease Christmas Tree habitat and increase the number of tree fires, both indoors and out. An immediate solution may come in the form of virtual trees.
- **Relocation of Santa's Workshops.** Santa is going to have to move as the North Pole has already seen periods of complete melt as things continue to heat up the problem will only get worse.

Ideas for Action:

We are hoping to coordinate these actions as much as possible. Having these actions occur on the same day helps us get more attention, more media, and is a lot of fun to be participating with folks right across the nation.

If you are interested in any of these ideas let the CYCC Action Coordinator know at itstimetoriseup@gmail.com. He can provide you with support, materials and help synch up dates nation wide.

IDEA #1:

Climate Christmas Caroling: below is a handy dandy X-Mas carol kit perfect to serenade your local MP, MLA or corporate CEO. Just print out the guide get a few friends together and have a blast going door to door, finding a prominent public spot, or going directly to your local media outlet or elected official office.

IDEA #2:

All we want for X-Mas: we are busy compiling our wish list for Santa and are hoping to get the government to deliver it for us. Submit your ideas for what you want for a Christmas Climate Justice to angelo.dicaro@caw.ca. Then be prepared to deliver the list to your MP.

IDEA #3:

Deliveries: we figured it would be appropriate to help Santa in making some deliveries. Based on who voted for/against the private members bill to force the Government to vote Kyoto - C-288 (KP implementation bill) we encourage people to deliver either an energy efficient lightbulb to those who voted for it or coal for those who voted against it.

IDEA #4:

A Climate Christmas Carol: we are working on adapting Scrooge's Christmas Carol to a climate change theme – having the ghost's of X-Mas past, present and future visit the Prime Minister showing him the world if climate change remains unmitigated. If you want to help write the script contact steve at sarcasticidealist@gmail.com. In the meantime get a cast of folks together so you can begin rehearsing as soon as we finish it.

CLIMATE CAROLS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON:

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa Claus is coming to town!
Santa Claus is coming to town!
Santa Clause is coming to town!

Oh, you better reduce your greenhouse gases
you better educate the public masses
Santa Clause is coming to town!

He sees that you've been stalling.
He knows that you're awake
So hear what youth are saying
And commit for the earth's sake

Oh, you better invest in wind and solar
Cause Santa needs this to save the polar
Santa Clause is coming to town!

Oh, you better create low emission transport
Santa does this with reindeer escorts
Santa Clause is coming to town!

He knows that you have children
He sees that you do care
Care-fully plan their future
This earth needs good repair

Oh you have to preserve our forests today
He doesn't want them to become ashtrays
Santa Clause is coming to town!

Oh, he's making a list for two-thousand and twelve
Your "can't do" attitude he wants you to shelve
Santa Clause is coming to town!
Santa Clause is coming to town!
Santa Clause is coming to town!

I'm Dreaming of a White North Pole (to the tune of White Christmas)

I'm dreaming of a white North Pole
Just like the one I used to know
Where the snow is plenty
No nuclear for McGuinty
And cubs frolic in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white North Pole
Just like the one that was so nice
Where the sea ice is firm
Till the end of winter's term
And I can ride my sleigh over the ice

I'm dreaming of a white North Pole
Just like the one I used to know

Where permafrost is frozen
The winter roads are open
And elves homes don't fall into flows

I'm dreaming of a white North Pole
Just like the one I used to know
Where things are covered in snow
And its fifty-four below
Me and Mrs Clause, curl by fire's glow

I'm dreaming of a white North Pole
With every wish inside my soul
May reductions be bold and uphold
And may the North Pole always be kept cold!

Good Old Climate Change
(To the tune of Good Old Hockey Game by Stompin' Tom Connors)

Hello out there, we're not on the air
There's no hockey night tonight
No tension grows, no whistle blows
No puck going down the ice.

No goalie's jump
No player's bump
No fans to go insane
Then someone roars, we can't take no more
Due to good ole climate change.

Oh...the good old hockey game, was ruined by climate change
And ruined by climate change, was the good old hockey game

Now hockey's fate
is up for much debate
Due to climate change they say

If we don't stop, and reduce a lot
The game might fade away

Well you may think, I've had too much to drink
And I have gone insane
But just you wait
cause hockey 's fate
Is tied to global climate change.

Oh...the good old hockey game, was ruined by climate change
And ruined by climate change, was the good old hockey game

When I was young
I had a frozen pond,
and foamies for my pads
I made it to the rink each day
with the help of dear old Dad
We played for fun,
we played for kicks,
we took turns in the nets

Now where to skate

when the snow is late
Has made me want to quit

Oh...the good old hockey game, was ruined by climate change
And ruined by climate change, was the good old hockey game

End the Use of Oil (Paddy Cake Song)

End the Use of Oil
In cars and in our homes
There's smarter ways of doing things
Than burning dino...

Bones are in the closet
The PR men can't hide
We're screwing up the atmosphere
And committing geno...

Sides deals in the backroom
Politicians on the take
If we keep burning fossil fuels
Our atmosphere will...

Baking on the beaches
Cancer's on the rise
We've got to wake the people up
And make them real...

Eyes are on the future
On solar we'll depend
We'll stop the use of fossil fuels
And the oil age will...
(Repeat)

Solar and Wind Are Safe and Clean:

Solar and wind are safe and clean
Let's shut down the oil machine
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap

We are here to let you know
The time has gone for oil to go
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap

You can't take us for a ride
You must stop this genocide
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap

Even though you think you're small
United we can do it all
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap
Solar and wind are safe and clean
Let's shut down the oil machine
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap

COME JOIN THE MOVEMENT (to the ant's go marching one by one)

Come join the movement boys and girls,
it's fun, it's fun.

We'll band together and save the world
It'll run, it'll run

There's lots of us, and few of them
Don't let them get any REM

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today
(or we are all fighting for climate justice today)

They say that oil's a necessity,
They're wrong, they're wrong

We say this is hypocrisy,
We're right, we're right

They're driving in their SUV's
Why not try electricity?

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

The Government is a-lying, to you,
for shame, for shame.

This inaction is screwing you,
again, again.

The Government is screwing you, get off your ass and
stage a coup

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

The gap between the rich and poor
It grows, it grows

They've got less and we've got more
It shows, it shows

For your consumption you don't pay.
The rest of us hardly get a say.

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

GHG's continues to rise,
Resist, resist

The revolution is coming alive
Enlist, Persist

The solutions at hand are green and light
For renewable energy we must fight

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

The US says their not doing this
They're pricks, **THEY'RE PRICKS!**
We're doing this 'cause the system needs
A fix, **IT LICKS!**

We can't give in to their demands
United we'll stand hand and hand
And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

The reduction of our forests
Is a crime, a crime.

With carbon sinks depleting
All the time, oh my,

We want to see commitments today,
Till it comes we won't go away.

And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

Come join hands with us, here today
Defend, my friend
We're fighting for our children's rights,
For women, and for men
As oil drains our cash away
We hope you'll join with us this day
And we are all fighting for Kyo-to today

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Quick Chant:

We don't need more consultations, what we need are regulations.
We don't want more legislation, just stick to Kyoto ratification.
We can't survive more procrastination, stop climate-killing subsidization.

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THE CLASSIC (adapted slightly):

Ooh, it's hot in here!
There's too much carbon in the atmosphere!
I said Ooh, it's hot in here!
There's too much carbon in the atmosphere!
Take action, take action,
The Government's plan is just distraction!
Take action, take action,
We're tired of all this inaction!