FEDERATION OF
CALGARY COMMUNITIES

ClimateReadyYYC
INSPIRATION
Toolkit

Shade Structures
Moveable, Adaptable, or Permanent

Boxes can
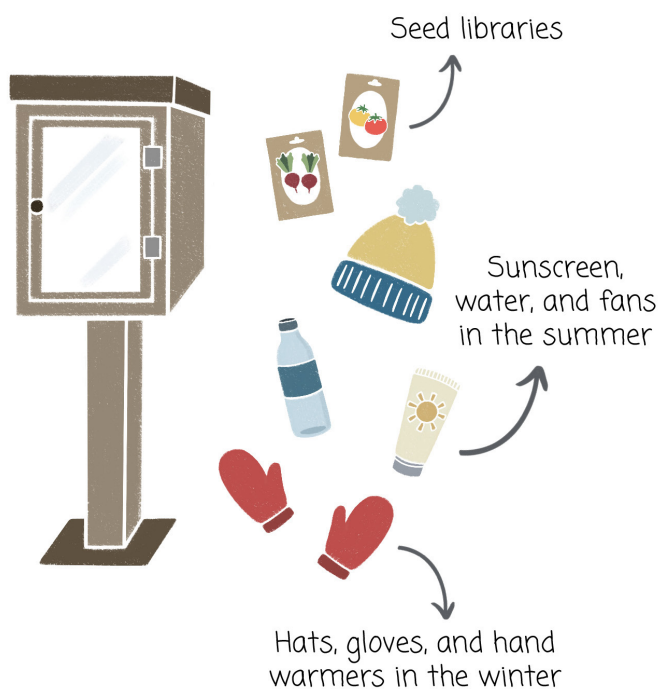act as seating

and help keep
items in place
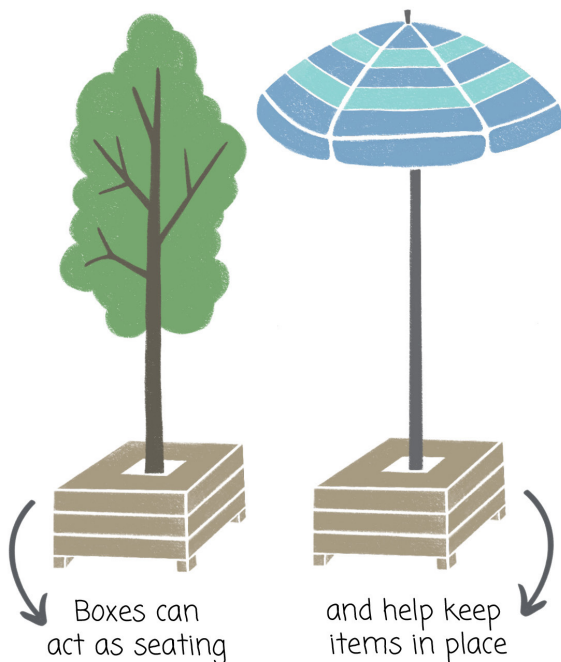
Rain Gardens
Stormwater Management

Rain gardens help
with drainage and can
decrease streambank
erosion

They also reduce
pollutants from entering
our waterways

Resource Libraries
Climate Ready Items

Seed libraries

Sunscreen,
water, and fans
in the summer

Hats, gloves, and hand
warmers in the winter

Community Gardens
Adding to Community
Green Space

Create a pollinator
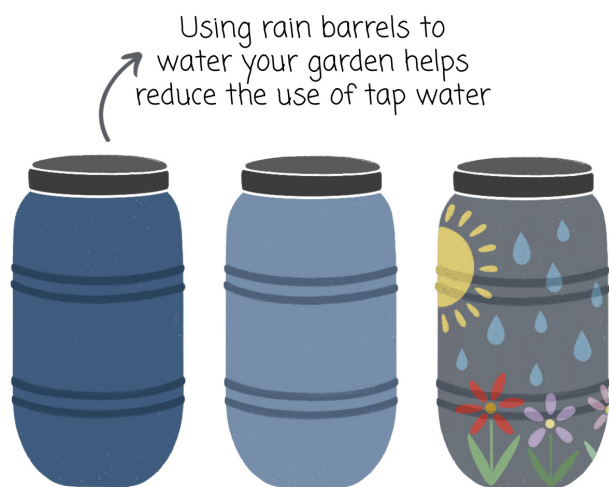garden by
planting flowers

Create a sharing garden by
growing edible plants that
the community can harvest
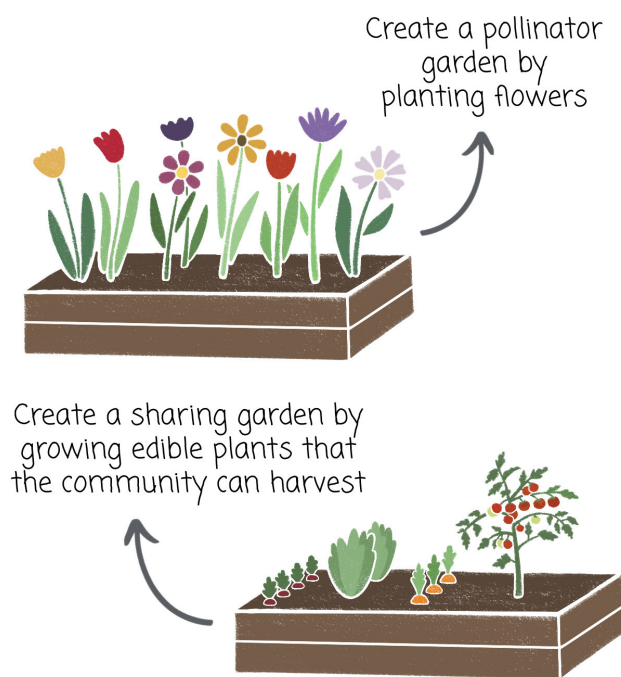
Water Conservation
Preserving Natural Resources

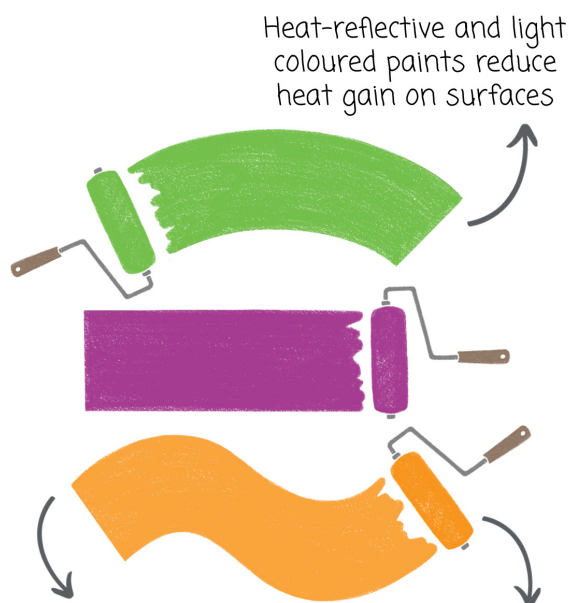Using rain barrels to water your garden helps reduce the use of tap water

They also decrease the amount of runoff entering our water systems

Heat-Reflective Paint
Creating "Cooler" Surfaces

Heat-reflective and light coloured paints reduce heat gain on surfaces

Using on sports courts or plazas could make these areas less hot in the summer months

They are also a great way to add public art to a community

Wildfire Smoke
Mitigation Efforts

Free indoor recreation for children and youth

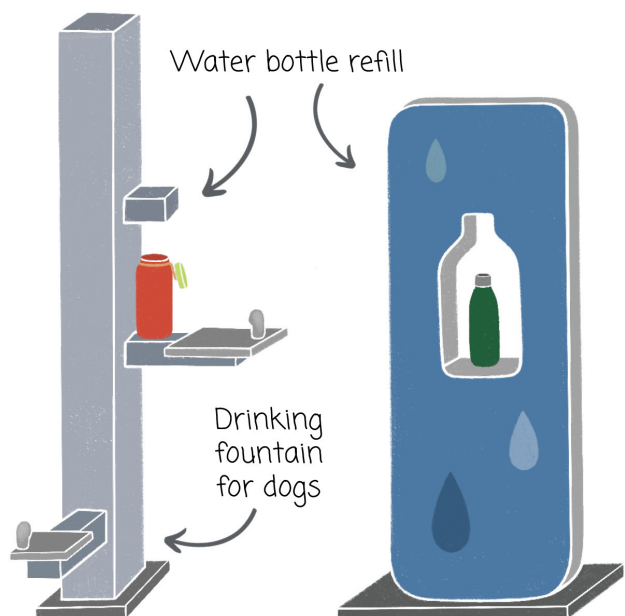Air filter solutions in community spaces

Resource Mapping
+ Information Sharing

What resources, areas, or services connected to climate could be shared with community members?

Water Stations
Temporary and Portable

Water bottle refill

Drinking fountain for dogs

Xeriscaping
Reducing Water Use

Xeriscaping is a type of gardening that requires less watering or no irrigation at all

Planting drought tolerant flowers like Joe-Pye Weed also supports pollination

Indigenous shrubs like Saskatoon berries also have edible fruits

Many prairie grass species like Blue Oat Grass do well in Calgary with little watering

Food Systems
Increasing Food Resiliency

What food security programs could be offered to the community?

Canning workshops

Locally-grown food

Knowledge Sharing
+ Climate Action Events

Presentations

What information or knowledge about climate action would be beneficial to share with your community?

Brochures and booklets

Are there speakers, programs, or activites you can run to help increase community awareness about these topics?