



How is Climate Change Impacting Our Lives?

We interviewed 5 people in our community



RAINWATER & MOISTURE

“This year, the rainfall in Beijing was unprecedented, leading to floods we haven't seen in decades. It's clear that climate change is impacting those who are most vulnerable. For example, in a nursing home in Miyun, elderly residents faced danger during evacuations because they couldn't move quickly. Their bodies also struggle to adapt to this new, humid weather, which is a direct threat to their health and safety.”

“We are adapting our homes, by installing air conditioners with dehumidifying functions, to make our living spaces more comfortable and resilient against this new, sticky reality.”

from middle-aged women @ Beijing



ANXIETY



“It is causing anxiety in many people, from both the perspective of the future world for future generations and the perspective of direct impact from extreme weather events that may occur.”

from high school junior student @ Beijing



CLIMATE & PATHOGENS

“The climate change is impacting our life, for example the global warming situation would increase the possibility of happening extreme weather that could impact our health by spreading diseases around.

We need to build our community's resilience from the ground up, starting with a stronger health security infrastructure. Getting better security on disease prevention is also a good start”

from high school junior student @ Beijing



HABITAT & RESILIENCE

“I believe a huge impact could come from very simple actions. The first one is planting more native trees and plants in our parks and yards. Because they’re indigenous to our local environment, they’re more achievable and viable. Besides building climate resilience, they bring multiple benefits: providing shade, reducing flood risks, and creating natural habitats for local wildlife.

Strengthening biodiversity in this way is a simple yet powerful step to help rebuild our natural environment.”

from high school sophomore student @ Beijing



STORMS & UNCERTAINTY



“I live in southern China, and Typhoon Ragasa was a true shock. It felt like the strongest storm I've witnessed, and it's terrifying to know people died. We all suspect this intensity is climate change, but it leaves you feeling helpless.

I don't know how exactly we could prevent this, but what I've done is stay away from the windows, stockpile supplies, and listen for government alerts.

But is that enough for the storms to come?”

from retired woman @ Guangzhou, China