

6 Ways Climate Change Will Affect You

The planet keeps in some hotter. 2012 was the warmest year ever recorded. How will it affect us?

1. Farmers will see declines in some crops. Climate change will also affect food processing, storage, and transportation – industries that require a lot of expensive water and energy.
2. Higher temperatures over the next decade, mixed with a growing global population, will continue to increase energy demand, accelerating the loop of emissions that cause climate change that cause more emissions.
3. Aging transportation infrastructures won't mix well with extreme weather. We will experience severe weather damaging roads, bridges, and railroad tracks..
4. The world has a finite amount of water, and new demands, especially from a growing population, will stretch that supply. Longer droughts in formerly fertile regions will mean less certainty for farmers and water-dependent industries.
5. Climate change is expected to increase atmospheric ozone—widely known to lead to decreased lung function. Longer pollen seasons will lead to more air-based allergies, scientists say.
6. Cities might become more dangerous than suburban areas. Natural disasters resulting from climate change—such as hurricanes and more severe storms—mean that any disruption could impact millions of people's lives. Only some cities have devised plans to deal with these events.

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