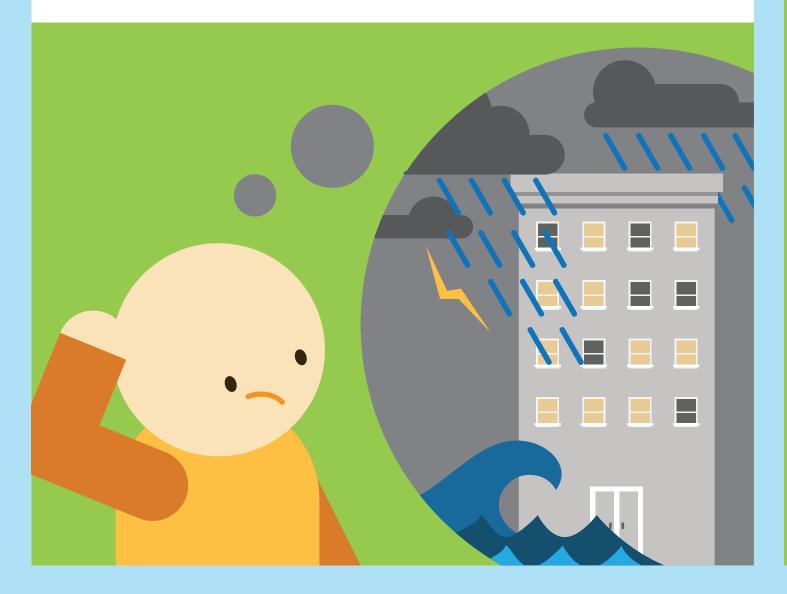
Making Your Building Resilient to Climate Change

Wondering if your building is resilient to climate change?



Start by learning more about your building.



Review building records.

- Materials/building envelope
- Roof
- Heating/cooling/ventilation
- Elevators
- Backup power and switchgears
- Occupant complaints
- Landscaping
- Location

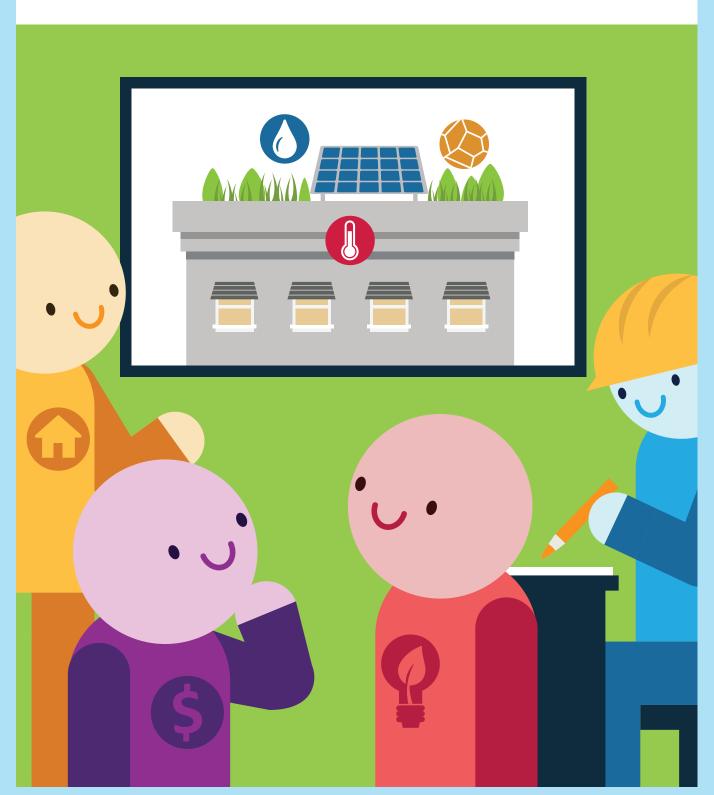
Assess expected regional climate impacts.



Find opportunities to respond.



Discuss measures to make building more resilient to climate risks.



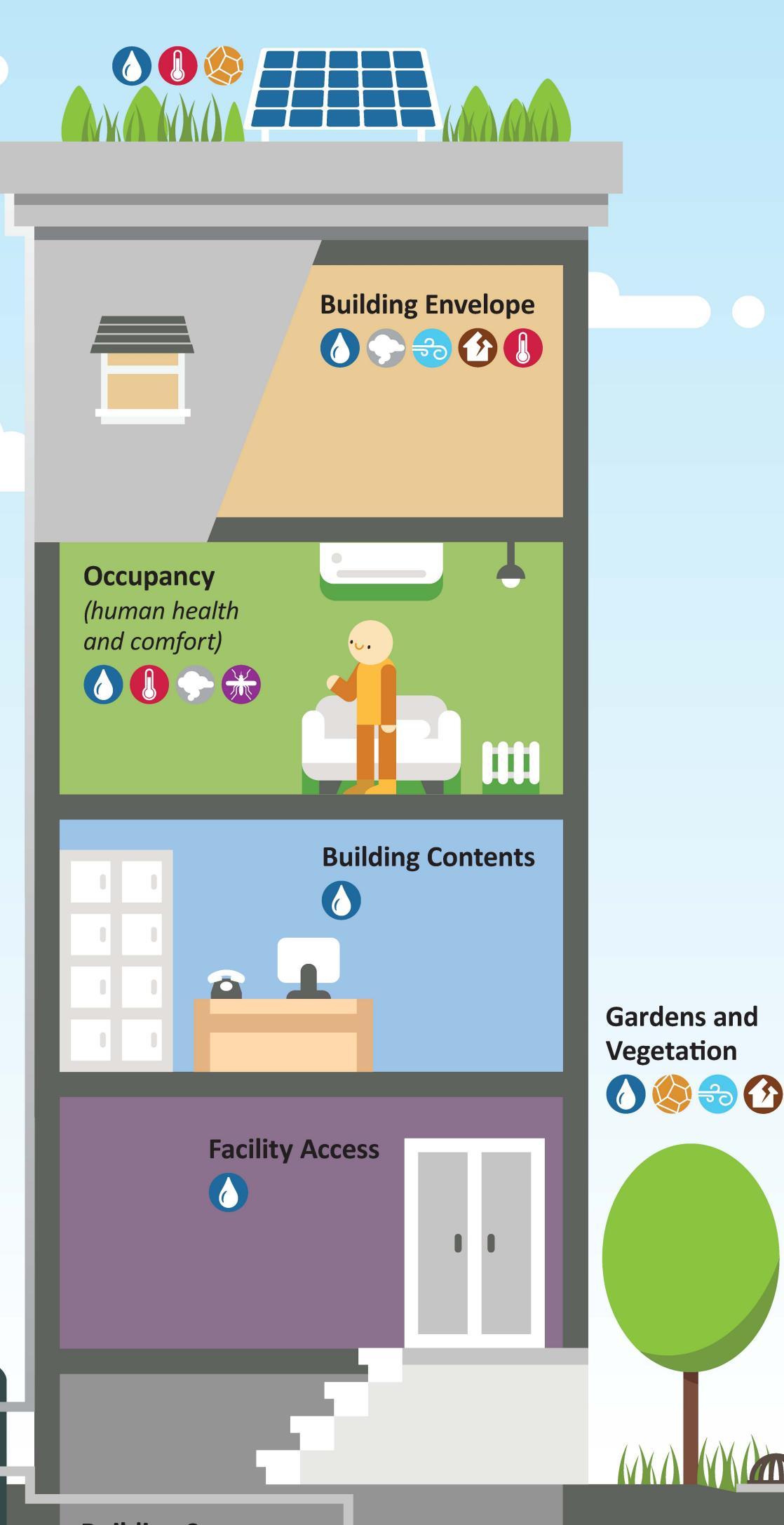
Incorporate in long-term plans and decision-making.





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Climate Risks to Buildings: Adaptation Options



Climate Risk and Adaptation Measures



Extreme heat

- Install external shading
- Install a white or green roof
- Improve thermal insulation
- Provide air conditioning
- Install double/triple glazed windows
- Install operable windows



Drought

- Install water efficient appliances
- Install water metering
- Implement greywater recycling
- Install rainwater capture
- Use drought resistant landscaping



Air pollution

- Provide filtered air conditioning or ventilation
- Monitor concrete condition



Wind intensity

- Assess trees for vulnerability
- Minimize overhanging structures
- Monitor roofs and cladding



Subsidence and heave

- Couple mature tree removals with drainage system installations
- Avoid planting trees close to buildings



Introduction of vector-borne diseases

Install screens on windows and doors



Flooding: extreme precipitation, sea level rise, storm surge

- Monitor and maintain drainage
- Increase permeable outdoor surfaces
- Incorporate natural rainwater management and green roofs
- Protect backup power, mechanical, electrical, elevator mechanical rooms
- Raise site and site access to Flood Construction Levels or above



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Building Systems

(elevators, HVAC, plumbing, electricity)





