



Today, many environmental issues—including climate change—are being debated by a wide variety of Canadian citizens, and public interest and concern appear to be on the rise. Engineers interested in learning more

about these issues will find a wealth of resources on the Web. But since there are thousands of websites on environmental topics, finding the information you want or need can be a challenge. The following websites can serve as a starting point, by providing useful information and links to other sites and databases.

 **Environment Canada**
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/envhome.html>
 Click on “issues and topics” at the top of the home page to view an alphabetical list of topics, such as acid rain, bio-

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diversity, biotechnology, climate change and ice. Coverage of each topic varies, depending on the resources available. For some, such as biodiversity, resources are provided by Environment Canada.

For each topic, you can access links on the sidebar to “publications,” “regional sites” leading to government sites in other parts of Canada, and “related sites” leading to international sources. A second link at the top of the home page entitled “products and services” leads to such resources as “databases” and “funding programs.” In some instances, topics lead directly to other comprehensive government home pages.

 **Government of Canada Climate Change Site**
<http://www.climatechange.gc.ca/english/html/index.html>
 This site houses a huge collection of information on climate change, including government programs. Click on

the home page graphic’s headings to go farther into the site, or use the links in the sidebar. The link entitled “resource centre” leads to fact sheets, reports, data and other resources.

 **United States Environmental Protection Agency**
<http://www.epa.gov>
 This home page is similar to Environment Canada’s. The link “information sources” leads to a collection of links to publications, newsletters, list servers, databases, downloadable software and lots more. You can also access a range of environmental, legal and health topics by clicking on “browse EPA topics” on the home page.

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