# **Voter Registration Deadlines**

In order to participate in federal, state, and local elections, **you must register to vote!** You can do so online, or check to see if you've already registered at your current address, at www.vote.org

Federal Primary: June 26, 2018

Federal primary application deadline: June 1, 2018

State and Local Primary: Sept.13, 2018

State and Local Primary application deadline: August 19, 2018

**General Election: November 6, 2018** 

General Election application deadline: October 12, 2018.

**NOTE:** Deadlines for absentee voters and those who've had a change of address may be earlier than those listed above. Please see link for additional information: www.elections.ny.gov/votingdeadlines.html

## Allies working on climate and electoral issues:

- 350.org Climate Resolutions Project
- Food & Water Watch
- Climate Hawks
- Sunrise Movement
- Indivisible
- Democratic Socialists of America
- Rise & Resist

### **Contact Us:**

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# Climate Voter Action Guide

The upcoming elections in 2018 mark a critical and exciting opportunity for climate activism. These materials are meant to serve as a guide to voters and activists who wish to make their voices heard so that we may ensure a better future for our planet.

### Key topics include:

- Voter Registration and Deadlines
- Climate Policy Issues in Upcoming Elections
- Actions in Support of Climate Policies

# Our goal is to make climate a pivotal issue in the 2018 elections. Primary objectives:

- Voter registration
- Educate voters on climate policy issues to raise with elected representatives
- Make demands of candidates and incumbents to pledge support for climate legislation
- Promote climate legislation at federal and state levels
- Eradicate fossil fuel funding for political campaigns and initiatives







# **Federal Legislation** & National Initiatives

### The OFF Act:

Also known as the Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (HR 3671, Gabbard, HI-02). the OFF Act bill is the most aggressive piece of climate legislation ever introduced in Congress. The bill would place a moratorium on new fossil fuel projects and move our electricity and most of our transportation systems to 100% renewable energy by 2035. It would also provide a just and considered transition for those working in the fossil fuel industry. For a current list of senate and congressional candidates who have taken the OFF Act pledge, see www.offfossilfuels.org/off-act/candidate-pledge

### The No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge:

This is a pledge by politicians and political candidates to reject financial support from the fossil fuel industry. Taking the pledge means that a candidate's campaign will adopt a policy to not knowingly accept any contributions over \$200 from the PACs, executives, or front groups of fossil fuel companies whose primary business is the extraction, processing, distribution, or sale of oil, gas, or coal. For a current list of senate, congressional, and local candidates who have taken the No More Fossil Fuel Money Pledge, see http://nofossilfuelmoney.org/

TAKE ACTION: What Can I Do to Support the OFF Act? And the No More Fossil Fuel Money Pledge? Join our Climate Action Mondays!

# **New York State Legislation**

Pressure Governor Cuomo and state legislators to act on current climate-related legislation!

### Climate & Community Protection Act (A08270 / S07971)

This act will cut New York State's greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. It prioritizes the safety, health, and economic needs of disadvantaged and marginalized communities. It also promotes jobs and job training that will reduce the effects of global warming. The act creates a New York State Climate Action Council to provide information on existing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and propose new ones.

### Fossil Fuel Divestment Act (A3712 / S4596)

Under this act, the state retirement fund will stop purchasing stocks and bonds from any of the 200 largest fossil fuel companies. It must divest its current holdings in coal companies within one year, and the other fossil fuel companies within five years.

### 100% Renewable energy by 2030 (A5105 / S5908)

This bill phases out electrical power generation from nuclear, fossil, and biomass fuels. If an energy company fails to accomplish that, the state can fine it and use the money for a renewable energy fund, and state residents could also sue it. New buildings and new cars will need to be zero-emission (such as electric cars).



To get the contact info for Gov. Cuomo and your New York State Representatives and Senators, use this link. Include the bill numbers when you contact them. www.mygovnyc.org

# **Climate Action Mondays**

350NYC has joined forces with Food and Water Watch to host Monday night activism parties. Gather with others who share in your passion for the planet and drive climate legislation to the top of the political agenda. Let's ensure that climate change is visible to ALL candidates and elected officials in 2018!

### **Specific Goals:**

- Get all Candidates for Congress nationwide to take: **The OFF ACT** Candidates Pledge, and The No More Fossil Fuel Money Pledge.
- Get all Candidates for NY State office to take: **The No Fossil Fuel** Money Pledge.

Launch Date: Monday, June 4th @ 7pm. To sign up for the team please email cmm.deenyc@gmail.com

### Join us! **Every Monday Night** 7-10pm

June 4 - Nov. 5 @ Calligaris NYC 114 West 18th St. (off 6h Ave)

