

## How Does Climate Change Affect You in Your Daily Life?

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Speaker 1:

Oh, well, I've had family impacted in all the three hurricanes in the island, Maria; New Orleans, Katrina; and now Ida. And of course here in New York with Sandy.

Speaker 2:

I was in California last year and hiking and got smoked out.

Speaker 3:

Oh my God.

Speaker 2:

And had to like evacuate because it was raining ashes on us. So it's real. It's very real and it's sad.

Speaker 4:

And it's also a trip here because sometimes the smoke gets sucked into the jet stream and then is covering New York City, while my brother is on the fires in California. But I think it also helps that my brother is a first responder in the situation and that he sends me pictures sometimes. I think having the connection to somebody who's very much on the ground there helps me feel a little bit more grounded.

Speaker 5:

Well, the pollution does... I hate like the smell of like car exhaust. I know that with like these Amazon and like all these like mail carrier package facilities, that's built being built around Red Hook. Well, I hope like they have like electric vehicles, because I don't like... If they were to use like cars that like require fossil fuels, you're just going to pollute this neighborhood a lot. And you'll probably be smelling that all the time if you're not wearing a mask.

Speaker 6:

In myself, I've done a lot of changes. Okay. I haven't suffered with asthma since 2008 because I remember the air was really polluted and especially in Red Hook, because there was a lot of buses going through. And before like they implemented the clean air act I had really bad asthma. Like I walking over to asthma pump. Now, 13 years later, all of a sudden I'm having the same experiences, where I'm like short of breath and I have to walk around with an asthma pump. And also there's a lot more pollution considering Amazon is now and Red Hook.

I have eczema again. I haven't had eczema since elementary school as well. It's been really affecting me and my body.

Speaker 7:

I kind of feel really good about myself mostly because of where I was raised, which was a tropical place and I feel like that was really good for me. But my little brother, I know he had asthma and that does have to do with the environment that you're being raised in.

Speaker 8:

I look around every day and I see the trash on the street and I'm like, "Why are you treating earth like this? Why are you treating you so wrongness like this?" It impacts me every time I walk out my house, because at some point in time I'm going to see a plastic content laying on the street.

Speaker 9:

I am thinking about that, some back of my mind, but it's not my everyday agenda. I am so busy to think about the consequences. I think that I should do more for planet.

Speaker 10:

I feel like a lot of pressure is put on the individual to kind of fix this. You need to bring your reusable bag. You need to bring your reusable water bottle. If you get that paper or plastic bag from the store, like I personally am filled with dread every time I have to get a plastic bag because I forgot my bag.

Speaker 11:

The enemy of good is perfection. But it almost seems like we need to be perfect in order to actually make sure that we're going to stay alive for the next 50 years.

Speaker 12:

We go and drop off our compost. And then I like have guilt that I like have a car and it's not electric.

Speaker 13:

It's kind of like being on like a treadmill. It's like I'm being on personal treadmill of like always kind of checking in on myself is like, is this doing enough? Is this doing enough? Oh no, I used too much cling wrap today. Is that doing too little?

Speaker 14:

Two years ago, everything I planted was like nothing. It would grow and die, grow and die. We didn't have any squashes. It was a year that it was mostly a lot rain, a lot of rain, a lot of rain and lot of rain.

Speaker 15:

Normally we supposed to start growing from end of the February and beginning of the March. But it's changed, now we cannot do anything until May.

Speaker 16:

The nectarine tree that grows a block away from here hasn't had nectarines in two years, because it no longer knows what to do. Grew the blossoms in spring, hit 80 degrees, got too hot. Then suddenly dropped down again 30 degrees, killed all the blossoms. There goes your crop.

Speaker 17:

So it's just scary to know that like we're just trying to like get by day to day. But at the same time, like we're worsening the earth at the same time.

Speaker 18:

There's like a lot of anger and frustration, I think that I live with.

Speaker 20:

But I think a lot of it is also having a productive means for that anxiety and not just being like, "Oh, I just feel scared all the time." But it's like, "Oh, well I would feel scared if I weren't so busy, like doing X, Y, or Z."

Speaker 21:

I know everybody's scared for what's going to happen here? What's going to happen there? I think it's best to live in a present. But if we're going to live in a present and we're going to more so make sense of what's going on, then we need to look everything in the face. Whether it's good, whether it's bad or whatever, it's a problem or a conflict. You need to look it in the face. Doesn't matter if you have the answers yet, just acknowledge that it's there. Don't push it to the side.

Speaker 22:

So every day we need to in the morning, as soon as we wake up, we get ready. Then we need to think, "Okay, what I'm going to wear today?" Today I came here. I check with her. There will be a possibility for the rain. I brought the jacket, sweat shirt, this and the rain coat. How many things? I have a small parts right? Now, I need to change my part size stool and I hate that. I have a shoulder pain, but I don't have any other option. How many things I carry? How long I'm going to do it? Every day when you wake up, I don't know about other people, for me I don't have time.