

Your child has been exploring how urban heat islands are created and the impact they have on people. Here are some tools to help your family continue the learning process together.

DISCUSS!

You can use these discussion questions to start talking about the topic with your family:

1. What are some effects that large numbers of people in a small area might have on the environment?
2. Does having more buildings closer together impact the environment?

ACTIVATE!

Have your student explain to your family the urban heat island phenomenon and some of its causes, such as having fewer trees and plants, placing more buildings closer together, using more air conditioning, using more vehicles, etc. Together, decide on one small-scale action you can take as a family to offset the effects of urban heat production or better understand the impacts excessive heat has on people in the community where you live.

REMEMBER!

Every small action matters toward increasing your family's positive impact on the environment.