

THE INVISIBLE OPPORTUNITY

PREVENTING REFRIGERANT POLLUTION THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

THE PROBLEM:

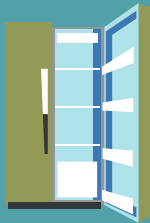
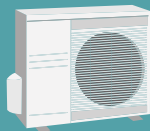
Refrigerants are intense greenhouse gases, an invisible form of air pollution that potently contributes to climate change. Project Drawdown identifies refrigerant management as the #1 global opportunity for greenhouse gas reduction.

THE SCOPE:

Refrigerants are found in many kinds of appliances and systems used throughout our daily lives: air conditioners, refrigerators, commercial chillers and even heat pumps. Although state and international agencies are working to replace the current refrigerants with safer substitutes, refrigerant management needs stronger enforcement and incentives for businesses and consumers alike to do the right thing.

THE GOALS:

Make it the "new normal" to be as careful with refrigerants as we are with other hazardous materials in common use, like batteries. Transition to better refrigerants in the near future.



THE WORK TO BE DONE:

There is a movement among states to adopt straightforward regulations to guide how companies use refrigerants. New York has endorsed this concept with an Executive Order is being translated into rules that will soon be made public. Meanwhile, consumers and businesses need to understand the risks associated with these greenhouse gases and the simple ways of managing them.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:



- Learn about refrigerant management issues (read the FAQ page at SustainHV.org).
- Work with environmentally conscious HVAC technicians whenever you are installing or maintaining central air units or heat pumps.
- Take refrigerants appliances to your county resource recovery agency or a recycler who extracts and recycles these gases properly.

HOW YOUR CITIZEN GROUP CAN HELP:

- Encourage local governments to make recycling appliances cheaper/more convenient.
- Support US participation in the Kigali Amendment.
- Support strong refrigerants laws in NYS.
- Join New Yorkers for Cool Refrigerants Management

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