SHAPE (Y)OUR SHADE

BUILD

SHADE STRUCTURES

WHY?
Shading is the most efficient way to cut solar heat gain through windows and walls.

Save energy and reduce your carbon footprint with a SUN SCREEN

MOST INEXPENSIVE shade structure
EXTERIOR installation
ABSORBS 65-70% of solar heat gain

Shade windows or outdoor spaces with SHADE SAILS

Made of DURABLE FABRIC
EASY to install and remove
Many different COLORS to match your home

DID YOU KNOW?
South facing windows absorb the most heat and North facing windows are cooler

LEAFY TREES & SHRUBS

WHY?
Trees help keep homes, businesses and communities cool during the summer (up to 9°F cooler!)

Grow a sustainable, edible landscape with FRUIT TREES

FLOWERS in the spring (supports bees also!)
MANY kinds of fruit trees thrive in Missoula

Have a green summer with drought resistant NATIVE TREES

Or choose trees that are right for this locale but need watering. Check out Climate Smart Missoula’s TREE LIST to pick the best trees for our environment

DID YOU KNOW?
Trees need to be watered during the hot summer! Learn more at WEBSITE below

LEARN MORE AT missoulaclimat.org/summer-smart

GARDEN

PLANTS & VINES

WHY?
A well-landscaped yard - or just a few plants - can reduce the need for A/C while increasing home value

Shade entire walls with trellises covered in FLOWERING VINES

CLEMATIS vines thrive in Western Montana
Other fast-growing plants (like hops!) provide lots of shade

Shape your shade and your dinner with HANGING GARDENS

Use HANGING BASKETS, repurposed RAIN GUTTERS, or get creative!

DID YOU KNOW?
Landscaping low to the ground on the east and west sides can keep walls cool