

# Point of the Matter Dialogue - Climate Change and Museum Collections

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The changing climate of our earth has implications that go well beyond the dramatic effects of storms and rising sea levels, shifts in migratory patterns and habitats, or the potential for increased health risks from pollutants. Weather patterns and temperature variations also affect the long term preservation of the world's cultural treasures which we enjoy and which inspire us every day.

The threats that come with climate change do not just exist in the outdoor environment. The delicate and fragile treasures within our museums are also susceptible. Museum and house collections that may not have previously required environmental control may soon require such efforts to meet their preservation responsibilities. Those collections protected by environmental systems may be at greater risk if such systems are not updated and expanded in capacity. To remain effective the maintenance plans for historic buildings, public monuments, and archaeological sites will require adaptation to our changing climate.

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