

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
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TODAY CONCLUDES AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AIR QUALITY AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH.

TODAY WE HIGHLIGHT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE THE AIR CLEANER.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WORK CONSTANTLY TO MAKE THE AIR CLEANER ACROSS THE COUNTRY THROUGH AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND RULES TO REDUCE POLLUTION FROM POWER PLANTS, INDUSTRIES, CARS, DIESEL TRUCKS, BUSES AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. BUT YOU HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY TOO. THERE ARE WAYS ALL OF US CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT WE EACH CONTRIBUTE TO AIR POLLUTION IN OUR COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITIES DOWNWIND.

SAVING ENERGY REDUCES POLLUTION AND IT CAN SAVE MONEY. USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO HELP KEEP AIR CLEANER IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

YOU CAN HELP REDUCE POLLUTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN OZONE IS EXPECTED TO BE UNHEALTHY.

- CHOOSE A CLEANER COMMUTE; SHARE A RIDE TO WORK OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. COMBINE ERRANDS AND REDUCE TRIPS.
- DELAY USING GASOLINE POWERED LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY OR UNTIL DAYS WHEN THE AIR QUALITY IS BETTER.
- LIMIT ENGINE IDLING.
- GET REGULAR ENGINE TUNE UPS AND CAR MAINTENANCE CHECKS ESPECIALLY THE SPARK PLUGS.

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT OR REDUCE UNHEALTHY LEVELS OF PARTICLE POLLUTION WITH THESE ACTIONS.

- MAKE SURE IF YOU BURN WITH WOOD, YOU BURN ONLY DRY SEASONED WOOD AND MAINTAIN A HOT FIRE.
- AVOID USING GAS-POWERED LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT.
- AVOID BURNING LEAVES TRASH AND OTHER MATERIALS.
- REPLACE YOUR CAR'S AIR FILTER AND OIL REGULARLY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK, VISIT US AT [WWW.AIRQUALITY.NOAA.GOV](http://WWW.AIRQUALITY.NOAA.GOV). THAT'S [WWW.AIRQUALITY.NOAA.GOV](http://WWW.AIRQUALITY.NOAA.GOV).