10 Tips To Improve Air Quality

Tip 1: Limit Your Driving

- Avoid driving during peak traffic periods when stop-and-go traffic is at its worst.
- Try not to drive at all, especially during the morning and early afternoon.
- Plan ahead, organize your trips.
 Combine several errands into one trip.
- Consider other commuting options, such as public transit, ride-sharing, and tele-working at home.

Tip 2: Drive Emission Wise

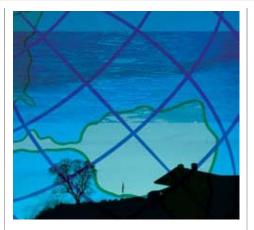
- If you must drive, use the least polluting of your vehicles.
- Where available, use clean fuels, avoid excessive idling, and areas of congestion.
- Stop and start evenly.
- Drive at a steady speed. Drive at medium speeds. Use your air conditioner wisely.
- Travel light.
- Consider fuel efficiency and emissions when buying a new car.

Tip 3: Refuel Carefully

- Refuel after 6:00 PM, if possible.
- Avoid spills and don't try to top off your tank.

Tip 4: Maintain Your Vehicle

- Engine performance, emission control systems, and tire inflation are important.
- Don't remove or tamper with pollution controls. Comply with the local auto inspection and emissions testing program.
- Follow your owner's manual.
- Get regular engine tune-ups and car maintenance checks.
- · Use an energy-conserving



grade of motor oil. An EC multigrade can improve your mileage by as much as 15 percent.

Tip 5: Live Emission Wise

- Buy low emission household products.
- Buy electric or fuel-efficient motorized equipment.
- · Conserve electricity.
- Avoid spilling gas when refueling gasoline-powered lawn, garden, farm, and construction equipment and boats.
- Properly dispose of household paints solvents, and pesticides.
- · Seal containers tightly.
- Reduce waste.

Tip 6: Delay or Reschedule Lawncare

 Reschedule or delay lawn care employing gas-powered equipment until after 6:00 PM.
 An old 2-cycle gas-powered lawnmower produces as much pollution when it is operating as 70 new cars.

Tip 7: Postpone Oil-Based Paint and Solvent Use

- Where possible, use aqueous (water) based products.
- Avoid oil-based paint and solvent use on days when

elevated ozone levels are expected.

Tip 8: Barbecue with Electric or Chimney Starters

 Avoid the use of lighter fluid, since it vaporizes into the air and can contribute to ozone formation. Your food will also taste better.

Tip 9: Conserve Energy in Your Home

- Conserving electricity reduces air pollution.
- Purchase energy efficient heating and air-conditioning systems.
- Purchase energy efficient appliances.
- Make sure your home is well insulated.
- Be mindful of energy conservation when you set your thermostat.
- Purchase energy efficient lighting.
- Purchase Energy Star labeled office equipment. Each year, enough electricity can be saved by using Energy Star labeled office equipment in a single home office (with a computer, printer, and fax) to light an entire home for more than 2 years.
- Where available, participate in your local energy conservation programs.

Tip 10: Spread the Word

- Learn about local efforts and issues.
- Learn what you can do to help clear the air.
- Share what you learn.
- · Let people know you care.
- Join a community group that is working to improve air quality.