



Steps to clear the air!

- 1. Reduce vehicle use.** If you have to use your vehicle, try to “bundle” your trips so you get all the trips done in one block of time (versus coming home and going out). Also, try to carpool to work.
- 2. Don’t idle your vehicle.** Idling more than ten seconds uses more fuel than turning off the engine. Sign the postcard urging the city of Columbus to adopt a fuel conservation ordinance.
- 3. Car maintenance.** Keep your tires properly inflated; change your air filter regularly; have your car serviced on a regular basis.
- 4. Fill up after 6pm.** Filling your tank during hot days contributes to the ozone pollution. Also, do not top off the tank-stop after the first click.
- 5. Check the air forecast.** Be aware when there will be an air quality alert day. Check the MORPC website: <http://www.morpc.org/energy/center/AirQuality.asp>
- 5. Go ridin’.** Dust off the bicycle and ride to work once (or more) a week and/or go to the grocery store.
- 6. Tell school districts to clean up their buses.** Contact your local school district to determine what they are doing to be green. Ask if they have a no-idling policy for their fleet.
- 7. Don’t burn wood or trash.** Burning wood can cause eye irritation, trigger asthma attacks, and headaches. Wood smoke can also aggravate emphysema, bronchitis, and pneumonia.
- 8. Get involved.** Join a local or state group that works on air quality issues. Stay informed of current legislation and make your voice heard!
- 9. Use less electricity.** Most of Ohio’s energy comes from coal. Burning coal produces many pollutants. By using less electricity you are creating less pollution.
- 10. Stay informed.** Keep up to date on environmental and health issues that affect you by joining OEC’s e-mail list; contact David to be added David@theOEC.org

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