



AIR QUALITY ACTION TIPS

WHAT ARE AIR QUALITY ACTION DAYS?

The Action Days program is a nationwide network of communities that urge citizens to take voluntary, proactive steps to reduce ground-level ozone pollution, protect human health, and improve overall air quality. Air Quality Action Days are designated when the daily air quality forecast predicts concentrations of ground-level ozone to reach Code Orange or higher on the Air Quality Index (AQI).

WHAT CAN WE DO TO REDUCE GROUND-LEVEL OZONE?

ON AIR QUALITY ACTION DAYS

- Refuel vehicles after sunset, when it's cooler and ozone pollution has dissipated
- Limit driving by walking, riding a bicycle, or exploring alternate commute options
- If driving, practice trip-chaining – combining several errands into one outing
- If driving, avoid idling the engine at drive-through windows. Park and walk inside.
- Postpone mowing the lawn or using other gasoline-powered lawn equipment
- Limit use of charcoal grills - lighter fluid emits volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Limit use of household products such as aerosol sprays, fingernail polish, and oil-based paints

EVERY DAY

- Keep vehicles maintained - cars that are tuned with properly inflated tires and clean filters not only use less gasoline, they also run better
- Practice trip-chaining
- Don't top off the tank when refueling a vehicle
- Avoid engine idling whenever possible
- Explore alternate commute options, such as public transportation, carpooling, or telecommuting
- When handling gasoline, use a funnel or spout to avoid spillage
- Consider using lawn and garden equipment that does not require gasoline