



Help Us Keep Middle Tennessee's Air Clean!

The Clean Air Partnership of Middle Tennessee needs your to help combat the problem of poor air quality by participating in voluntary actions that reduce the amount of pollutants, especially on days when weather conditions are favorable for ozone formation. These are generally hot (90+ degrees), sunny days with little or no wind and no precipitation. Because heat and sunlight are important factors in ground-level ozone formation, ozone pollution is worse during the months of May through October. However, particulate matter pollution can happen year round, so it is important to consider these steps all year long.

- 6 Simple Steps to Improving Air Quality -

Take the bus, share a ride, or carpool. Even if you do it just once a week, you'll reduce traffic congestion, pollution and save money. The average driver spends 44 cents per mile, including ownership and maintenance. Ridesharing can cut these costs by half or more.

Trip chain – it's easy! Combine your errands into one trip. It is better for time management and helps reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. Starting a car after it has been sitting for an hour or longer causes it to pollute up to five times more than when the engine was warm.

Take things in stride. Try walking or in-line skating instead of driving. What an easy way to get exercise and save the air.

Care for your car. Regular maintenance, tune-ups and checking tire inflation can improve gas mileage and extend your car's life. It can also reduce your car's emissions by more than half.

Have fun! Ride your bike. It's a great way to travel and can help you and the air get in good shape. Vehicles on the road create more than 25% of all air pollution nationwide.

Cut out the lawn mowing. Lawn mowers create a lot of Middle Tennessee's air pollution. Water and fertilize less to slow lawn growth. Then, not only are you helping the air by mowing less, you are saving water and money on gasoline and chemicals. Also, consider limiting grassy areas and adding some variety to your yard. Many ground covers require less maintenance than grass and don't need to be mowed at all.