

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

TOP 10 WAYS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY

1. Share a ride - try carpooling, vanpooling, or riding the bus or train.
2. Trip Chain - combine your errands and plan your route ahead.
3. Bring your lunch to work or try walking instead of driving to a nearby restaurant.
4. Keep your car maintained.
5. Ride your bike.

6. Don't mow your lawn on Air Alert Days.
7. Skip the drive thru - go inside.
8. Avoid driving during rush hour when possible.
9. Sign up for Air Alerts at www.CleanAirPartnership.info.
10. SPREAD THE WORD!

WHAT CAN CAP DO FOR YOU?

The Clean Air Partnership staff is available to answer your questions about Middle Tennessee's air quality.

We also offer special information sessions at your organization's green fair or health/wellness fair, other special events like brown bag lunch and learn series, assistance in developing anti-idling programs and other exciting opportunities through our Employer Partner Program.

For more information about the Employer Partner Program, contact CAP staff via e-mail at employerpartners@cleanairpartnership.info.



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WHO IS CAP?

The Clean Air Partnership (CAP) of Middle Tennessee is a non-profit organization focused on air quality in an eight-county area including Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson Counties. CAP works to encourage lifestyle changes by promoting concepts like carpooling, mass transit and regular car maintenance. From air alert notices to finding rideshare partners, CAP is a one-stop information source connecting people with the resources they need to make smart transportation choices.

OUR PRIORITIES

CAP'S mission is to educate the public about the necessity of improving air quality in Middle Tennessee and what actions, both individual and corporate, reduce air pollution and improve air quality and health. Specifically, CAP strives daily to:

- Increase the public's understanding of ozone and PM_{2.5} and how these pollutants are formed
- Increase the public's awareness and use of locally available air quality forecasts
- Educate Middle Tennesseans about the simple lifestyle changes that will be most effective in reducing the emissions that contribute to air pollution
- Educate corporations in Middle Tennessee about air quality issues and commuter choice benefits.

OUR HISTORY

In April 2004, the EPA designated all or part of 18 counties in Tennessee as non-attainment for ozone. This means that these areas exceed federal air quality standards for ozone.

Five of the 18 counties are here in Middle Tennessee: Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson. Because officials of these five counties, plus Cheatham, Dickson and Robertson counties, agreed to work together on an Ozone Early Action Compact, the EPA was willing to defer the effective date of the non-attainment designation.

In March 2008, Middle Tennessee earned its designation as attainment for ozone; however, the EPA then announced the tightening of the ozone standards for the first time in 10 years leaving our area at risk for being designated as non-attainment once again.

Once the EPA designates a county as "non-attainment," it is subject to transportation conformity and more stringent non-attainment new source review requirements.

This means that transportation funds could not be spent on projects that would negatively impact air quality, and that new and modified major industrial air pollution sources would have to meet "Lowest Achievable Emission Rate" standards and create offsets for increased emissions.

So in essence, if Middle Tennessee fails to reduce ozone levels to those stipulated in the new tightened standard set by the EPA, we are at risk of incurring serious restrictions on the way our highway funds are spent, which could result in a negative impact on economic growth in the area.

WHO FUNDS OUR PROGRAM?

YOU DO! The Clean Air Partnership of Middle Tennessee exists through the support of individuals, businesses, corporations, and groups who believe in our mission. We also regularly seek out opportunities for grants from federal and state governments as well as private foundations.

HOW ARE YOUR DOLLARS SPENT?

Your contributions to the Clean Air Partnership provide programs and services that help educate individuals and businesses in Middle Tennessee about how to improve our region's air quality.

We take great pride in every dollar donated to our organization, and we take extreme care to spend donations in the wisest and most efficient manner possible. Our volunteer board of directors oversees all expenditures.

There are several ways you can support our organization's work:

- Make a personal gift
- Volunteer to help at a Clean Air Partnership event
- Organize a special event with your company or organization to benefit the Clean Air Partnership
- Designate a gift in honor or memory of a loved one
- Designate a gift to the Clean Air Partnership in your will.