

What You Can Do

- Drive Less. Use public transit, carpool, ride a bike, or walk whenever possible.
- When you buy a car, consider purchasing an electric, hybrid, or very-low emission vehicle.
- Conserve Energy -- turn off lights and appliances when you leave the room.
- When buying appliances, check the energy efficiency ratings.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs wherever possible in your home. They use about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the energy of a standard bulb and they last 10 times longer.
- Paint with water-based latex paints, NOT oil-based. Close the paint lids tightly when not in use. And use brushes and rollers rather than spray painting.
- Avoid using lighter fluid to start your barbecue. Less polluting options are barbecues fired by propane or natural gas.
- Don't use gasoline-powered garden equipment such as lawnmowers or leaf-blowers. Use electric equipment or hand-equipment, like rakes instead of leaf blowers.
- Choose professional "wet-cleaning" instead of dry cleaning, and try to buy clothes that don't require dry cleaning
- Buy products with less packaging, and buy recycled products
- Remember the motto, "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle."
- Avoid topping off your gas tank when you fill it.
- Buy radial tires for your car and keep them properly inflated.
- Keep you car-engine well-tuned and support the state's smog-check program.
- The dirtiest vehicles found on our roadways contribute about 40% of the total automotive pollution.