

10 Ways to Improve Air Quality While Traveling

- Trip chain more often. Combine your errands into one trip to help you get tasks done more efficiently while also helping reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.
- Drive your vehicle less. Instead of driving to work or other destinations, try carpooling, bicycling, using public transportation, or walking if possible.
- Keep your vehicle in good repair. Maintain your vehicle properly with regular tune-ups, oil changes, and by keeping your tires inflated.
- Replace your gas cap if it is worn and remember to tighten the cap fully. A defective or incorrectly sealed gas cap releases the fumes that form pollution.
- When filling your vehicle's fuel tank, stop at the click to also avoid releasing dangerous fumes.
- Avoid idling. Idling wastes gas and emits the chemicals that directly contribute to the formation of air pollution.
- Fuel your vehicles in early or late hours. In the heat of the summer, it helps reduce air pollution if vehicles are refueled in early or late in the day rather than mid-day when the temperatures are the highest.
- Work from home, if possible, instead of driving to work, especially on Air Action Days.
- Drive the most fuel-efficient vehicle that meets your needs. Burning less fuel means emitting less of the harmful by products of engine combustion.
- Stay informed about Air Action Days when the air quality index gets into an unhealthy range. Sign up for Air Action Day email notifications at enviroflash.info for up-to-date information on air quality forecasts.

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