

Which of the 10 Simple Steps Can You and Your Family Take to Help Improve Air Quality in Delaware?

1. Trip Chain. It's easy! It's when you combine errands into one trip. When you first start a car after it has been sitting for more than an hour, it pollutes up to five times more than when the engine's warm.

2. Care for your car. Regular maintenance and tune-ups, changing the oil and checking tire inflation can improve gas mileage, reduce traffic congestion due to preventable breakdowns and it could reduce your car's emissions by more than half.



3. Don't top off the tank. It releases gas fumes into the air and cancels the benefits of the pump's anti-pollution devices. So stopping short of a full tank is safer and reduces pollution.



4. Get fuel when it's cool.

Refueling during cooler periods of the day or in the evening can prevent gas fumes from heating up and creating ground-level ozone.

5. Know before you go. Get travel and transit updates before you leave home and you won't get stuck in a jam.

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TELECOMMUTE
RIDESHARE
BREATHE
TRIP CHAIN
CAR CARE
BIKE
FUEL WHEN COOL
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IT ALL ADDS UP
CAPTAIN CLEAN AIR
WALK
BUS
SPREAD THE WORD
TRANSIT
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DRIVE EASY
DON'T TOP OFF
MAINTENANCE
OZONE
FRESH
SUN
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TIRES
INFLATION
TRAIN
AIR

6. Ride your bike. It's a great way to travel and it can help you and the air get into condition. Vehicles on the road create more than 25% of all air pollution nationwide.



7. Take things in stride. Walk or in-line skate instead of driving. They're easy ways to get exercise and they're easy on the air.



8. Share the ride. If you carpool or ride DART public transit just once or twice a week, you'll be reducing traffic congestion and pollution in addition to saving money.

9. Telecommute. Work at home sometimes. You'll save time and money, and reduce emissions and traffic congestion.



10. Use alternative fuels. Using alternative fuels and vehicles that operate on fuels such as biodiesel, ethanol, electricity, propane and natural gas help us cut oil use, reduce air pollution and protect our environment.

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Currently Delaware doesn't meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standards for ground-level ozone. Ozone is an invisible, odorless gas. You can help to clear the air by doing as many of the ten simple, ozone-fighting steps as you can. Every little change you make helps because - it all adds up to cleaner air!