

# TOP 10 THINGS I CAN DO TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION FROM CARS

## 1. DON'T IDLE MORE THAN 10 SECONDS

Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than turning the car off and back on (and idling past 3 minutes is against the law).

## 2. OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

Don't ride in the car with a speeder—not only is it safer for you, staying within the posted speed limits increases your car's fuel efficiency.

## 3. WALK TO DESTINATIONS CLOSE BY

Not only will you get more exercise, you will eliminate a lot of pollution from the air.

## 4. CARPOOL

Riding with your friends is more fun, and helps the environment, too!

## 5. RIDE YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL (WITH YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION)

It's good for you, and you won't have to wait in those long drop-off lines.

## 6. DON'T WAIT IN LINE AT THE DRIVE-THRU

Park your car and walk inside. You will help clean up the air, and won't have to breathe the exhaust of the car in front of you.

## 7. TAKE THE BUS WHEN YOU GO ON LONGER TRIPS

Public transit is a great option for longer trips, and with the price of fuel today, a very cost-effective alternative.

## 8. MAKE SURE YOUR CAR'S TIRES ARE PROPERLY INFLATED

Under-inflated tires mean your car has to work harder to move, using up extra fuel and emitting a lot of extra pollution.

## 9. TRY NOT TO USE YOUR CAR'S AIR CONDITIONER

Roll the window down for a breeze on short trips, or open the car's vents when you're on the highway.

## 10. CLEAN OUT YOUR TRUNK

Extra weight costs you more fuel!

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To report idling violations, call your local police department or our 24-hour toll-free hotline number:  
1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337)

