

BUY GREEN,
DRIVE *Clean*

No matter what type of vehicle you drive, you have a choice to buy a cleaner, more efficient vehicle that creates fewer emissions and improves fuel economy. Over its lifetime, the cleanest vehicle in its class can prevent the emission of more than 15 tons of pollution and save more than \$1,500 in fuel costs over a similar model. The choice you make affects the quality of the air we breathe.

GREEN VEHICLE *Guide*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides a rating system that ranks vehicles by the amount of emissions they produce on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the cleanest. When purchasing your next vehicle, visit www.epa.gov/greenvehicles to find vehicles that create fewer emissions and are more fuel-efficient.

Visit www.cityofaustin.org/airquality

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WHAT *You* CAN DO

- **CHOOSE A CLEANER VEHICLE**

A vehicle that is rated “9” on the EPA’s Green Vehicle Guide emits 80% fewer nitrogen oxides that help to form smog than a vehicle rated “5.”

- **CHOOSE A MORE FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLE**

The difference between a car that gets 20 miles per gallon and one that gets 30 mpg amounts to \$550 per year.

- **DRIVE FEWER MILES**

Because we continue to drive more miles each year, up 127% since 1970, vehicles are a significant contributor to air pollution. Whenever possible, take public transportation, car pool, and combine activities into one trip.

- **MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLE**

A poorly tuned engine wastes 10 to 20% of the fuel it uses and can release as much as 100 times the pollution. Regular tune-ups, getting your oil changed and checking tire inflation can improve gas mileage and extend the life of your vehicle as well as increase its resale value.

- **REFUEL WISELY**

When the weather is warm, try to refuel early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporative emissions pushed out of the tank by the heat of the day. On Ozone Action Days, days when the level of air quality is unhealthy, try not to refuel at all and never top off your tank beyond the automatic shutoff point.