

YOUR ACTIONS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

There are definitely actions individuals can take to help make a difference in our air quality. These are no cost/low cost actions that are highly effective in reducing ozone levels. Review these with your Mom or Dad and discuss which actions you and your family can do:

- Avoid driving. Take the bus, carpool/vanpool as much as possible
- Drive smoothly avoiding "jackrabbit" starts.

- Avoid letting the car idle for long periods of time.
- Combine trips by running errands all at one time.
- Park your car in the shade to reduce gasoline vaporization.
- Drive during "off-peak" hours to avoid intense traffic congestion.

- For short trips, ride a bike or walk
- Mow your lawn after 6:00 p.m.
- Avoid using any gasoline-powered equipment for lawns, gardens, and recreation.
- Don't use oil-based paints, degreasers, or lighter fluids until evening.
- Reduce the use of air conditioners both at home and in the car.

- Refuel after 6:00 p.m.
- Refuel your vehicle carefully, don't "top off" the tank and secure the gas cap tightly.
- If you must drive, make sure the car is tuned.

