

# **Five Tips for Reducing Air Pollution**

## 1. Maintain your vehicle.

- Maintain your vehicle per manufacturer's specifications so it runs better, you have more power and pollute less.
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated to reduce drag on your engine.
- Seal the gas cap tightly.
- Refuel late in the day and don't top off tank.

## 2. Buy a "clean" vehicle.

- Consider a low emissions model or hybrid when you buy a new or used vehicle.
- Take advantage of tax credits; buy a hybrid car.
- For a list of the cleanest vehicles on the market visit epa.gov/greenvehicles.

#### 3. Drive less.

- Share a ride to work or school.
- Work at home one day a week.
- Combine your errands into one trip.
- Walk or ride a bicycle instead of driving your vehicle.
- Take public transportation.
- Become a telecommuter.

### 4. Drive the speed limit.

- Driving the speed limit saves gas, which reduces tailpipe emissions.
- Anticipate stops and coast to a stop gradually.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly and smoothly.

#### 5. Idle less.

- Avoid waiting in drive-through lanes and unnecessary idling. Park and go inside.
- Leave earlier or later to avoid traffic.
- Don't warm up engine.