



# What can we do to Fight Air Pollution in our Communities?



The following are some ways in which we can help our community have clean air.

## **Individuals:**

- Talk to your school district about replacing diesel buses with buses powered by cleaner fuels such as natural gas, fuel cells or electricity.
- Drive less and walk more
- Take your lunch to work or walk to lunch if possible  
Ride your bike to work and encourage others to do the same
- Take the train or bus when possible
- Have the kids use low-pollution transportation. For example ride their bikes or go roller-skating and wear helmets
- Carpool!!!!
- Give your car a regular check up for emissions
- Don't top off your tank and wait before removing nozzle. Fuel spillage adds to air pollution.
- Avoid using leaf blowers and other dust producing equipment
- Use electric lawnmowers or push lawnmowers
- Use water-based paints and cleaning products
- Reduce energy consumption
- Don't use wood stove or fireplace on days when air quality is poor.

## **Companies, Schools, and Organizations**

- Encourage employees to carpool
- Provide charging stations for electric vehicles
- Replace diesel buses with buses powered by cleaner fuels such as natural gas, electricity or fuel cells
- If company is in the construction or other dust-producing industry, be sure to follow all dust-reduction regulations
- Make your next car a cleaner-fueled vehicle
- Purchase zero-emission vehicles for your business, school, church or temple and take advantage of government incentives.
- Hold conference calls instead of in-person meetings. Reduces air pollution.
- Promote biking to work and offer amenities for cyclists including bike racks, lockers, and showers.
- Invite speakers to your school to talk with students about pollution and ways they can help reduce it.

Not all suggestions are possible but do what you can to make your community a cleaner place!