

## **Air Quality Awareness Week is May 1 - May 5, 2017**

New Jersey has made significant progress in improving its air quality, but more work is still needed. Simple changes to your everyday routine can reduce air pollution, lessen the impact to your health and the environment, and likely save you money in the process. These changes include: not idling your car, maintaining your vehicle, combining automobile trips, using environmentally friendly cleaning products, avoiding painting or cleaning on poor air quality days, and limiting outdoor activities on these days.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is kicking off Air Quality Awareness Week, May 1 – May 5, 2017 (<http://www.cleanair.nj.gov>). You can protect your health and the health of others by paying attention to your local air quality, while still enjoying outdoor activities and saving some money, all at the same time!

### **NJDEP DAILY MESSAGES**

New Jersey's Air Quality Awareness Week 2017 focuses on educating the public about air quality, air pollution, the impacts of air pollution and what everyone can do to help reduce these impacts on human health and the environment. The messages include examples of the sources of air pollutants, associated control measures, recent actions taken by New Jersey to control air pollution, New Jersey air quality trends, and how to conserve energy and improve air quality. The week also highlights how our daily routine can impact our environment. As a follow-up, there are tips and suggestions to reduce ozone. All of the week's air quality facts and actions can be found at <http://www.cleanair.nj.gov>. Follow this effort on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NJDEP-Air-Quality-Energy-and-Sustainability-811744782277426/>. This site also highlights area or local events scheduled during and around Air Quality Awareness Week.

### **USEPA AND NOAA WEBSITES**

New Jersey's efforts coincide with a national initiative by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The federal agencies' facts can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/airnow/airaware/>. Follow this effort on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/airnow>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/airnow>).

### **CHECK YOUR AIR QUALITY ANY DAY**

1. Remember to check your local air quality on the [NJDEP's Air Monitoring website](http://www.njairnow.net/) (<http://www.njairnow.net/>) or by subscribing to EnviroFlash, ([www.enviroflash.info](http://www.enviroflash.info)), an online alert system, to receive air quality information straight to your email inbox or cell phone.
2. For more information, visit [www.cleanair.nj.gov](http://www.cleanair.nj.gov), New Jersey's campaign to educate the public about New Jersey's most persistent air pollution problem, ground-level ozone, and the role of the public in reducing ozone forming emissions. The campaign also educates the public on choices they can make to improve the air quality in New Jersey.

Please, forward this email to anyone who would be interested. Thank you.