

May is Clean Air Month

Car Care for Clean Air

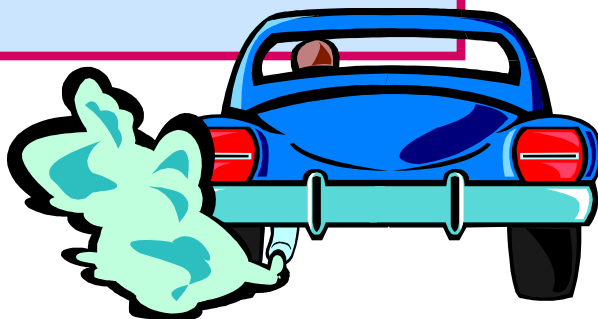
Transportation sources contribute more than half of the total amount of man-made air pollution in the United States today. Motor vehicle emissions account for approximately 77% of the carbon monoxide in our nation's air. New cars are estimated to run 90% cleaner than those made 20 years ago. Yet, it's up to you to keep them that way.



GET A CHECK-UP FOR YOUR CAR

Anything that affects your car's ability to burn gasoline as completely and efficiently as possible will increase air pollution. To keep your car's emissions to a minimum, have your mechanic check for:

- Incorrect carburetor adjustment (on models with carburetors)
- Damaged catalytic converter
- Fouled spark plugs
- Poorly adjusted ignition timing
- Clogged PCV system
- Dirty air filter



MORE TIPS FOR LONG-TERM CAR CARE AND CLEAN AIR

- Get your car emissions inspected regularly
- Minimize warm-up time — cars warm up faster, without engine damage, when driving
- Link short trips together — starting a cold engine burns more gas and releases more pollution than restarting a warm car
- Idle for less than a minute — for longer periods, it's more efficient to turn the engine off and restart
- Drive gently — moderate speed, smooth accelerating and gentle stops all save gas and engine wear
- Check tire pressure — under-inflation causes increased tire wear and decreased gas mileage.