

# You Can Help Reduce Air Pollution - I

Every time you drive to work or school, use your heater or air conditioner, clean your windows, or even style your hair, you make choices that can reduce or increase air pollution.

This Part I article shows you how to reduce air pollution. When more people make clean air their business, we will all breathe easier.

## Drive Less

One big way to reduce air pollution is to drive less, even



a little less. Fewer trips in your car or truck will help cut air pollution. Driving less doesn't

mean you have to stay home. Try combining driving with other ways of getting where you want to go:

1. Carpool
2. Walk or ride a bike
3. Ride public transit
4. Shop online

Try some of the ways described above, it will make a difference. Then, spread the work and let other people know what you've learned!



For information on Alternative Transportation at UCI, go to <http://www.parking.uci.edu/AT/>

## You Can Help Reduce Air Pollution Part II

Every time you drive to work or school, use your heater or air conditioner, clean your windows, or even style your hair, you make choices that can reduce or increase air pollution.

Part I of this series showed how to reduce air pollution by driving less. Part II takes a look at how driving smart can keep pollution at a minimum. When more people make clean air their business, we will all breathe easier.

## Drive Smart

1. Accelerate gradually.
2. Use cruise control on the highway when appropriate.
3. Obey the speed limit.
4. Combine your errands into one trip.
5. Keep your car tuned.
6. Don't top off at the gas pump.
7. Replace your car's air filter.
8. Keep your tires properly inflated.

That's not all. When shopping for your next car...

9. Look for the most efficient, lowest polluting model or even a zero-polluting electric car.



And if you must drive on days with unhealthy air quality:

10. Drive your newest car. Newer cars generally pollute less than older models.



## You Can Help Reduce Air Pollution Part III

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Many products you use at home, in the yard, or at the office are made with smog forming chemicals that escape into the air when you use them. Here are a few ways to put a lid on products that pollute:

- Select products that are water-based or have low amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- Use water-based paints. Look for paints labeled zero-VOC.
- Paint with a brush, not a sprayer.
- Store solvents in airtight containers.
- Use a push or electric lawn mower.
- Use a propane or natural gas barbecue. If you use briquettes, start them with an electric lighter.

