

TRAVEL GREEN.

LIVE GREEN.

Sample Messages – House & Yard

Yard Care for Clean Air

Exhaust doesn't just come out of your car when you drive to work. Gas-powered yard and garden equipment is a growing culprit. In fact, one gas-powered lawnmower emits 11 times more air pollution than a new car for each hour of operation. Try using electric or manual-powered yard and garden tools instead. They work just as well as gas—but without the exhaust, maintenance and repairs. This means cleaner air for you, your family and your neighbors.

One Hamburger – Hold the Pollution

In addition to using commute alternatives, here is another way you can help keep our air clean. When you're grilling this summer, follow these simple clean air tips:

- Use a propane or natural gas grill, they burn cleaner.
- If using a charcoal grill, use an electric probe to start the fire, rather than lighter fluid. Lighter fluid contains VOCs, which "bake" in the hot sun to create ground-level ozone, a harmful air pollutant.
- Keep your grill cleaned to avoid burning grease.

Evening Yard Work

Live Green and help keep our air clean. On hot days, hold off using gas-powered lawn equipment until evening, to keep ozone forming emissions out of the air during the heat of the day. Consider switching to manual or electric yard and garden tools. For more clean air tips visit www.spokanecleanair.org/seasonal_tips.asp.

Keep Gas Fumes Contained

Many yard and garden tools require gas, which often means storing gas. Be sure that gasoline is stored in a tightly-closed container, in a cool, dark place. Also, handle gasoline carefully to ensure there are no spills. For more green living tips visit www.spokanecleanair.org/seasonal_tips.asp.

By Clean Products!

Green up your home and purchase household products and paints that have zero or low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) content. VOCs are a key contributor to the formation of ground-level ozone, a harmful air pollutant. For more green living tips visit www.spokanecleanair.org/seasonal_tips.asp.

Beware of Asbestos

Contrary to popular belief, asbestos is still found in many homes, such as some textured "popcorn" ceilings, vinyl flooring, stucco, some insulations and much more. Before you begin your home remodeling project, learn more by contacting Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency at 477-4727 or visit www.spokanecleanair.org/asbestos.asp.

Live Green

Green up your summer and help clear the air: conserve energy, plant native trees and shrubs, buy local produce, reduce, reuse, recycle. For more clean air tips visit www.spokanecleanair.org/seasonal_tips.asp.

Mow Down Air Pollution & WIN!

Help clear the air and win a cordless yard and garden tool from Black & Decker, Neuton or WORX. Visit www.spokanecleanair.org, and enter. Contest runs July 1-31, 2010. See contest webpage for more details.

