

AIR QUALITY IN CENTRAL TEXAS

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What is the CLEAN AIR Force?

The CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas (CAF) is a 501(c)(3) organization representing business, government, academia, environmental, and community interests in air quality in the 5-county region of Central Texas. Founded in 1993, the CLEAN AIR Force Board consists of 39 members united in the common goal of finding workable solutions for improving air quality in Central Texas.

What does the CLEAN AIR Force do?

The mission of the CLEAN AIR Force is to coordinate and conduct air quality planning and education activities in Central Texas. The CAF focuses both on motivating the citizens of this region to take actions to reduce air pollution and maintain healthy air, and on advising responsible government entities on air quality issues. The CLEAN AIR Force also developed and implemented the Early Action Compact (EAC) public education campaign and documents the campaign for inclusion in the Clean Air Action Plan and EAC semi-annual reports.

CLEAN AIR Force meetings provide a public forum for the exchange of information and ideas. The Technical Advisory Committee meetings provide members with opportunities to stay abreast of air quality technical and policy developments, to share ideas and information with colleagues, and to advise their respective organizations on air quality issues. The CLEAN AIR Force also hosts Public Involvement Committee meetings which focus on air quality outreach efforts.

What Programs does the CLEAN AIR Force offer?

The CLEAN AIR Force sponsors a number of events and programs throughout the year to encourage Central Texans to take positive steps towards cleaner air. To make a donation or to get involved contact the CLEAN AIR Force at 1-866-916-4AIR or visit www.cleanairforce.org. CLEAN AIR Force staff is available year-round to make informational presentations on the health and economic impacts of air quality in our region to schools, businesses, community organizations and other interested groups.

Clean Air Partners Program

The Clean Air Partners Program currently consists of over 90 Central Texas businesses, organizations and gov-



ernment entities in the 5-county Central Texas region. These members pledge to voluntarily reduce ozone-causing emissions by 10% over 3 years. Any business interested in participating in this program may find more information at www.cleanairpartnerstx.org.

Adopt-a-School Bus Program

In coordination with the EPA, this program provides funding to qualifying Central Texas school districts to replace or retrofit older, high-polluting school buses with newer, cleaner school buses. This helps reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust while also improving air quality in our communities. Businesses and organizations can learn how to adopt a school bus through www.adoptaschoolbus.net.

Electric Lawnmower Discount Program

Because gas-powered lawnmowers contribute to air pollution in Central Texas, this program offers a financial incentive to purchase cleaner, electric lawnmowers. Citizens receive a discount on electric lawnmowers while the program is in effect. Recycling of older gas-powered mowers is encouraged through this program.

Ozone Action Day Program

To kick-off the beginning of ozone season, the CLEAN AIR Force holds a public outreach event to remind Central Texans of the simple things they can do to improve air quality in Central Texas. Throughout ozone season (April 1st – October 31st), the CLEAN AIR Force offers a free email notification service to participants when an Ozone Action Day is forecast for the following day. The alerts encourage Central Texans to reduce their driving and postpone other polluting activities. To register for these alerts, visit www.cleanairforce.org or call 1-866-916-4AIR.