

Air Quality Awareness Week

May 2–6, 2016

Air! The air we breathe is made up of many elements like oxygen, carbon, and nitrogen and combinations of elements, called compounds, like water. There are even small particles of dirt and dust in the air. In the right balance, elements and compounds make up the air we breathe. If not in balance, elements and compounds can become pollutants, like ozone and particulates, which affect the quality of the air. Polluted air can make animals or people sick, can cause buildings to deteriorate, and even damage our water and land.

What Can I Do To Stop Air Pollution?

Ask your parents and neighbors not burn household trash, such as plastics, metal, junk mail, cardboard, newsprint, magazine, and packaging materials.

Learn don't burn—teach your family and neighbors about recycling and reuse, or mulching and composting instead of burning.



Care about the air and learn more at

[Air Avengers: Smoke and Pollution](#)

[Recycling in Idaho](#)

<https://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/>