

# Air Quality Awareness Week

Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has declared **Air Quality Awareness Week 2008**, April 28th - May 2nd. This week emphasizes how you can protect your health, as well as the health of others, by paying attention to local air quality and taking “action” to reduce air pollution and to protect your health.

Actions can be easy. Incorporate simple changes into your everyday routine. You can combine several errands into one automobile trip; take public transit, car pool or bike to work; use environmentally friendly cleaning products; and conserve energy resources, such as turning off the lights and appliances when not in use and using energy efficient products. You will reduce air pollution and your impact on the environment, plus save money in the process!

This week coincides with the kick-off of the 2008 ozone forecasting season. Michigan residents will notice more air *Action!* Days this summer. This is due to a recent tightening of the national ozone standard which was changed to better protect sensitive population groups such as children, people with asthma, and those who work/exercise strenuously outdoors.

Michigan’s air quality continues to improve; but, sometimes just isn’t as clean as it needs to be to protect everyone’s health. You can view air information at [www.michigan.gov/deqair](http://www.michigan.gov/deqair) and select the “Mlair” icon. Sign-up to receive free air quality e-mail or text message notifications via EnviroFlash.

[Air Quality Awareness Week Proclamation](#) (pdf)

Michigan’s efforts align with a national initiative by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). National Air Quality Awareness Week themes and facts can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/airnow/airaware/>