How can you take care of Texas?
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Texas Air Quality

Ozone is a gas that is formed in the atmosphere when three atoms of oxygen combine. It's commonly located in the Earth's upper atmosphere and at ground level. The health effects of ground-level ozone (also known as smog) could cause respiratory problems.

What can you do to help limit ground-level ozone?
1. Keep your vehicle maintained, including proper tire pressure.
2. Don't top off the tank when refueling your vehicle.
3. Limit driving and idling; instead, car pool, combine errands, use public transportation, bike, or walk.
4. Don't burn yard waste.
5. Use paint and cleaning products with less or zero VOCs.
6. Refuel in late afternoon or evening.
7. Conserve energy.
8. Maintain your yard equipment, including changing the oil and replacing air filters regularly.

Particulate Matter is a mix of small particles and liquid droplets in the air. These particles can be made up of acids, organic chemicals, metal, dust, or soil. PM differs in many ways including size and composition. Healthy people are unlikely to be affected by the low levels of particles present in outdoor air. However, some people with pre-existing health conditions (such as those with severe asthma) may wish to avoid excess exposure.

Here are some ways to reduce particulate matter:
1. Consider setting your thermostat a little higher in the summer and lower in winter.
2. Participate in local energy conservation programs.
3. Keep car, boat, and other engines properly tuned, and avoid engines that smoke.
4. Avoid or slow your vehicle speed on dirt and unpaved roads.
5. Carpool, use public transportation, bike, or walk when possible.
6. Combine errands to reduce cold starts of your car and avoid extended idling.

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1. Recycle used motor oil
2. Carpool to work
3. Pick up litter
4. Collect and use rainwater
5. Safely dispose of household hazardous waste
6. Compost yard trimmings and food scraps
7. Recycle paper, glass, and cans
8. Maintain proper tire pressure
9. Refuel in the evening
10. Fix leaks
11. Report smoking vehicles
12. Use public transportation
13. Recycle used electronics
14. Plant shade trees
15. Ride the bus to school
16. Dry clothes on a clothesline
17. Walk to work
18. Ride your bike
19. Use native plants and mulch
20. Buy a “cleaner” vehicle
21. Mow your grass higher
22. Drive the speed limit

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Find your way to Texas and take the pledge.

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