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Air Central Texas News and Updates

Monthly Air Aware Tip - Energy Efficient Choices

We all know making energy efficient choices - using [Energy Star](#) certified products, only using power only when you need it, and etc. - will save you money, but reducing the amount energy you use can also help decrease the amount of air pollution generated by power plants. According to the TCEQ, power plants in Central Texas* accounts for 20.30 tons per day (TPD) of ozone-forming emissions (19.38 TPD of NO_x and 0.92 TPD of VOC). This pollution is generated locally which means it has a great effect on local health and welfare. The next time you buy a new appliance or set your thermostat consider how your energy choices will affect your wallet but also local air quality.

* This analysis includes plants in Bastrop, Fayette, Hays, Llano, and Travis Counties.

IH 35 Construction Tool



Anyone who travels up and down IH 35 in the Central Texas area likely knows there is a lot of construction on the roadway which can add time to your daily commute. To help people understand the construction projects the Texas Department of Transportation has created [Mobility35](#), a website that provides updates about the projects on IH 35. Check out the website for updates that can help you prepare your commute including lane closures, reroutes, reduced speed limits, and more. Be Air Aware about your daily commute and avoid getting stuck in polluting traffic congestion.

Upcoming Events



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60th Annual Zilker Garden Festival

What: ACT will be promoting air quality at the 60th Annual Zilker Garden Festival at Zilker Botanical Garden – a one-stop, garden shopping destination when spring arrives in Austin and Central Texas. In addition to learning about air quality, the festival will feature plant and garden themed vendors, a Kids Corner, Live Music, Food Vendors, and the Craft Beer Garden.

NOTE: Half-priced admissions for bike-riders on Sunday!

When: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sat. March 25, 2017
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun. March 26, 2017

Where: Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Rd
Austin TX 78746

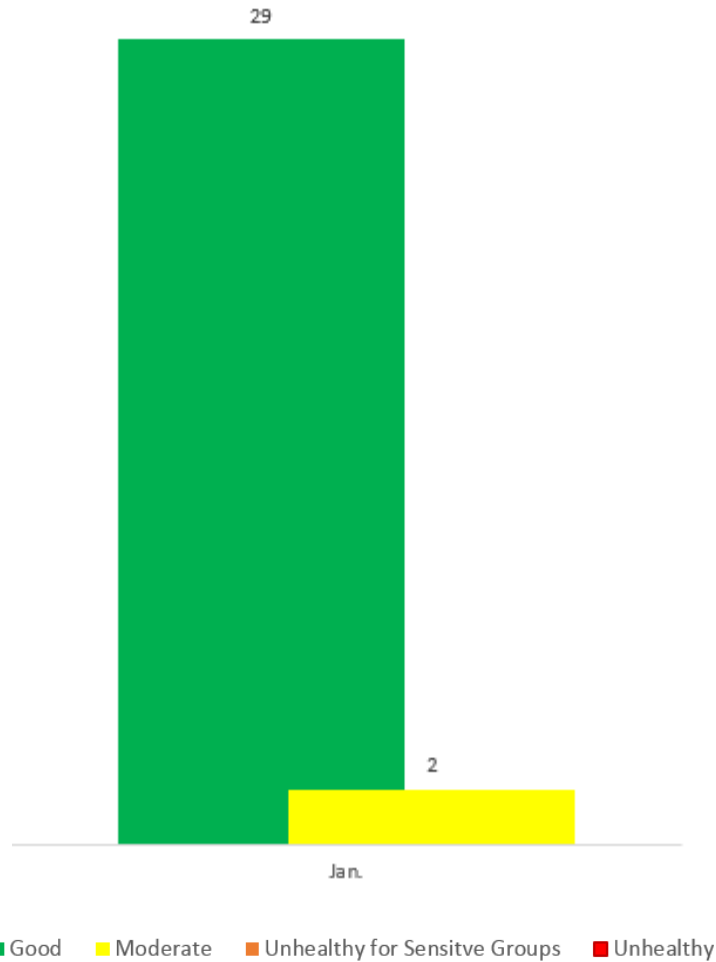
Join the Clean Air Ambassador Program

Come help us spread the word about how people can reduce their exposure to air pollution and how people can limit the amount of air pollution generated. Clean Air Ambassadors are volunteers passionate about protecting our air quality and public health and welfare through public education and outreach efforts. They engage the public at events region-wide by passing out informational flier, ACT swag, and by answering questions about air pollution.

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2017 Austin-Round Rock MSA Daily Air Quality

Index Levels



In January, we had two days when air quality was moderate for Particulate Matter (PM) pollution. To learn more about PM and how it can affect health and welfare, visit the [EPA website](#).

Also, take note that March 1 is the official start to ozone season in the Austin region, however, elevated ozone levels can begin earlier - our first day with moderate ozone last year was in February.

To learn more about the Air Quality Forecasting visit [Airnow.gov](#).

[Air Quality Awareness Week is May 1-5, 2017](#)



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