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AIR CENTRAL TEXAS

Air Central Texas News and Updates

Learn about Commute Solutions!



Air Central Texas is happy to report that the Capital Area Council of Governments has taken on leadership of the regional Commute Solutions Program. Most of us are extremely dependent on driving our personal vehicles to work or for errands, and many of those trips we take by ourselves; this leads to more cars on the road, longer drive times, and more air pollution. The Commute Solution Program is a key part of the region's voluntary air quality plan and helps people discover and track alternative ways to travel around Central Texas from taking public transit to riding a bike around town and more. Commute Solutions is there to help!

[Learn More about Commute Solutions](#)

Monthly Air Aware Tip - Ozone Season has Officially Started

It is that time of year again; the weather is getting warmer, the sun is staying out longer, and ozone concentrations are getting higher. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designates when ozone season starts and ends based on when each region is likely to experience elevated ozone concentrations. Ozone season in Central Texas officially started March 1 and will last until the end of November. Visit our [website](#) to learn about ozone pollutions and how it can impact you. Also stay Air Aware by knowing your air quality forecast and making decisions that will reduce ozone formation. AirNow and the TCEQ provide air quality forecasts.

Visit [Airnow](#) to get real-time air quality updates and forecast.



Upcoming Events

Subscribe to the [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Daily Air Quality Forecast](#) to receive air quality updates in your email inbox.



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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 am - 7 pm Saturday, March 25, 2017
10 am - 5 pm Sunday, March 26, 2017

Where: Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746



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2017 Earth Day Austin

What: Come visit the ACT booth at Earth Day Austin - the largest sustainability event in Central Texas! Thousands of people in Central Texas and beyond will come to learn about conservation and sustainable solutions, celebrate our love for the environment, and get connected to the best and most innovative green businesses and organizations. This is a free family-friendly event. We hope to see you there!

When: Noon - 7 pm Saturday, April 22, 2017

Where: Huston-Tillotson University
900 Chicon Street
Austin, TX 78702

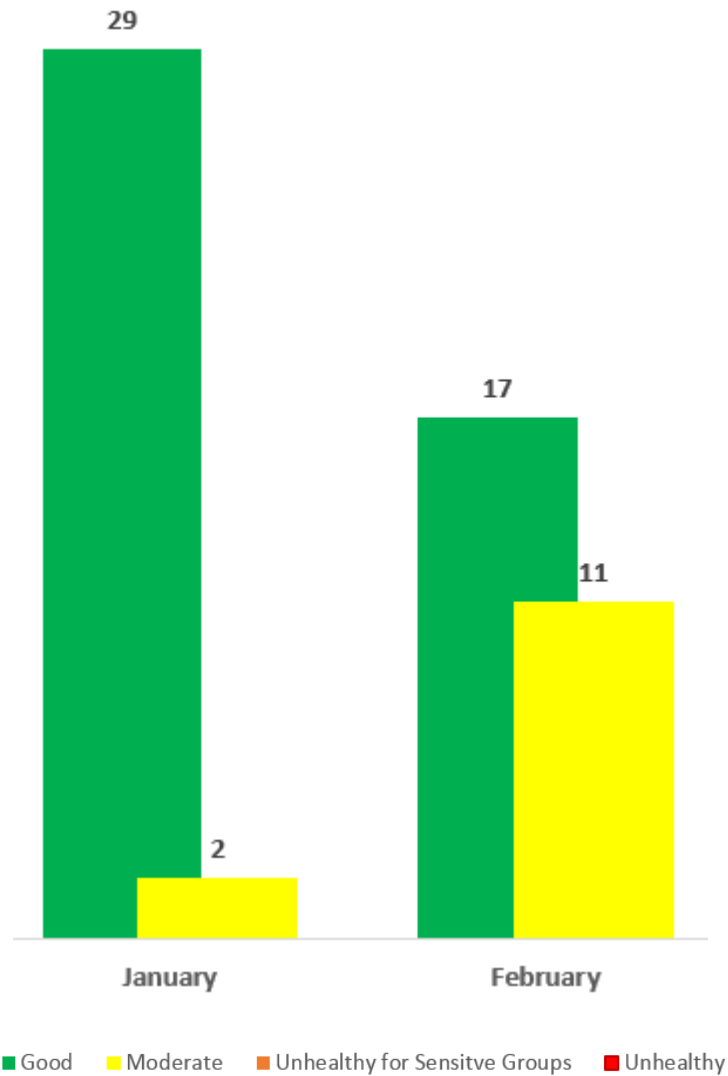
Join the Clean Air Ambassador Program!



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

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2017 Austin-Round Rock MSA Daily Air Quality Index Levels



In February, we had eleven days that had moderate air quality; eight days were moderate due to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution, two days due to Ozone pollution, and one day due to Nitrogen Dioxide pollution. To learn how these pollutants can affect public health and welfare, visit the following links:

- [Particulate Matter](#)
- [Ozone](#)
- [Nitrogen Dioxide](#)

Comparing the number of moderate Air Quality Index (AQI) days in February 2016 to February 2017, we saw an increase in moderate days from four days last year to eleven days this year, which represents a 175 percent increase. We need your help and your friends and family's help to make sure people understand the risks of poor air quality and how their actions can affect the air. Forward this newsletter to people you know and make an

[air quality commitment](#) to help us improve local air quality.

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

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