

“Ozone Season”

Dear Adam and Eve,

I know this isn't the big fig-leaf topic most days, but I'm concerned about air quality and being able to breathe easily. I am worried for me as I age and also for my grandchildren who have a lot more breathing left to do!

Thanks, David

Dear David:

At a meeting of Eden managers the other day, one of them was talking about the Ozone season and what we could be doing to help. In this part of the Garden, our Ozone season goes from about the first of May to end of September. He offered 5 tips for keeping us out of the red zone.

(For those who don't know their colors, this is unhealthy for everyone, not just the sickish!)

1. **Stop at the Click.** When you go for a fill-up, stop at the first click. Adding just a little more gas is a big no-no!
2. **Share the Ride.** Carpooling – if everybody shared with just one other person, our financial and enviro costs for getting back and forth to work would decrease by half! Math is so complicated!
3. **Mow when the sun is Low.** We, with our very tidy lawns, use hugely high emitting gas mowers to stay tidy! Never thought about those lawn mowers being big polluters, did you?
4. **Link the Trips.** Plan a route for work and errands with no double backs or home basing!
5. **Don't be the “American Idle.”** No idle-in' the engine! Go inside the bank; go inside for fast-food (you'll probably be served quicker anyway)!

Remember . . . **Re-Think! Reduce! Re-Use! Recycle!**

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