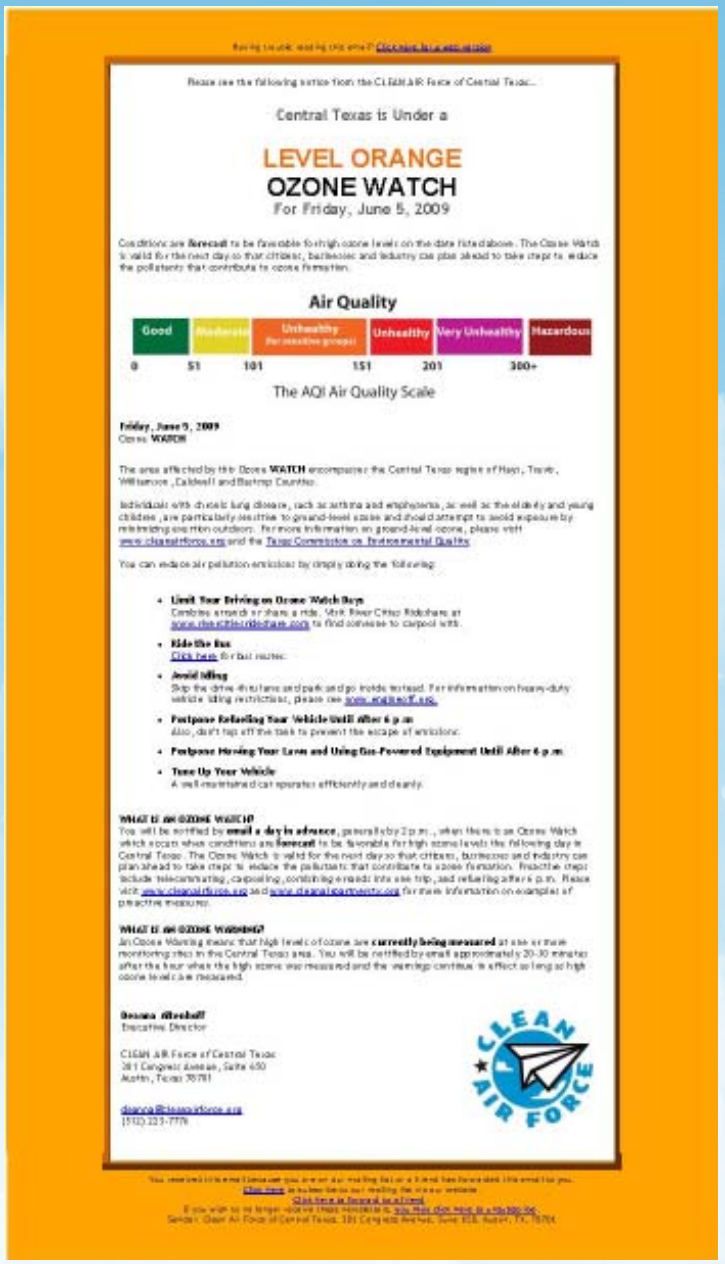
Ozone Alerts Program

CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas

Throughout Ozone Season (April 1st—October 31st), the CLEAN AIR Force offers a free Watch / Warning email notification service to participants when unhealthy levels of ozone are currently being measured (Warning) or are forecast (Watch). This allows Central Texans to make informed decisions regarding air pollution and its potential health effects. The email alerts also encourage Central Texans to reduce their driving, avoid idling, and postpone other polluting activities until late in the day when ozone is less likely to form. For more suggestions visit our Air Quality Tips link.

To register for Ozone Alerts, citizens can sign up through the CLEAN AIR Force website (www.cleanairforce.org) or call 1-866-916-4AIR (4247).

Ozone Alerts are also available on the CLEAN AIR Force's air quality information line at (512) 343-SMOG (7664).



Central Texas is Under a

LEVEL ORANGE

OZONE WATCH

For Friday, June 5, 2009

Air Quality

Good | Moderate | Unhealthy (for sensitive groups) | Unhealthy | Very Unhealthy | Hazardous

0 51 101 151 201 300+

The AQI Air Quality Scale

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Ozone WATCH

The area affected by this Ozone WATCH encompasses the Central Texas region of Hays, Travis, Williamson, Caldwell and Bastrop Counties.

Individuals with chronic lung disease, such as asthma and emphysema, as well as the elderly and young children, are particularly sensitive to ground-level ozone and should attempt to avoid exposure by restricting exertion outdoors. For more information on ground-level ozone, please visit www.cleanairforce.org and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

You can reduce air pollution emissions by simply doing the following:

- **Limit Your Driving on Ozone Watch Days**
  Combine errands or share a ride. Visit RideShare at www.ridesharecentraltexas.com to find someone to carpool with.
- **Ride the Bus**
  Click here for bus routes.
- **Avoid Idling**
  Skip the drive-thru lane and park and go inside instead. For information on heavy-duty vehicle idling restrictions, please see www.epa.gov/otaq/idling.htm.
- **Postpone Refueling Your Vehicle Until After 6 p.m.**
  Also, don't top off the tank to prevent the escape of emissions.
- **Postpone Mowing Your Lawn and Using Gas-Powered Equipment Until After 6 p.m.**
- **Tune Up Your Vehicle**
  A well maintained car operates efficiently and cleanly.

WHAT IS AN OZONE WATCH?

You will be notified by **email a day in advance**, generally by 2 p.m., when there is an Ozone Watch which occurs when conditions are **forecast** to be favorable for high ozone levels the following day in Central Texas. The Ozone Watch is valid for the next day so that citizens, businesses and industry can plan ahead to take steps to reduce the pollutants that contribute to ozone formation. Proactive steps include telecommuting, carpooling, combining errands into one trip, and refueling after 6 p.m. Please visit www.cleanairforce.org and www.cleanairpartnership.org for more information on examples of proactive measures.

WHAT IS AN OZONE WARNING?

An Ozone Warning means that high levels of ozone are **currently being measured** at one or more monitoring sites in the Central Texas area. You will be notified by email approximately 20-30 minutes after the hour when the high ozone was measured and the warning continues in effect so long as high ozone levels are measured.

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