

# CLEAN AIR TIMES

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Warm and Sunny with a 50 Percent Chance of Cool Rain

## S.C. Students Share the Ozone Forecast Using Flags

Several South Carolina schools help to protect the health of their communities by participating in the Air Quality Flag Program.

Each day, students raise one of five different colored flags (pictured below) on the school's flag pole so residents know when an elevated ozone level is expected and can plan outdoor activities accordingly.

For more information about the Air Quality Flag Program and for a list of participating schools and organizations, visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) and click on the Flag Program link.

To learn more about ozone, visit [www.scdhec.gov/ozone](http://www.scdhec.gov/ozone).



### How can you reduce ozone?

1. Carpool, walk, bike or take the bus if possible.
2. Avoid drive-through windows (e.g., banks, pharmacies, fast-food restaurants). Park and go inside.
3. Turn off your engine if you expect to be stopped for more than 30 seconds – except in traffic. Limit warm up idling in cold weather to 30 seconds.
4. For more ideas, see [www.scdhec.gov/ozone](http://www.scdhec.gov/ozone).



### Breathe Better with Anti-Idling Program

The Breathe Better (B<sup>2</sup>) Program is an anti-idling/clean air campaign sponsored by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Bureau of Air Quality.

The goal of B<sup>2</sup> is to help protect the health and safety of children by reducing harmful vehicle emissions around school campuses. Solutions involve the efforts of students, faculty, administration, staff, local government and community partners working together.

To learn more about B<sup>2</sup> and to participate in the program, visit [www.scdhec.gov/b2](http://www.scdhec.gov/b2).



### Air & Weather Funnies

Here are some jokes you can tell to brighten a rainy day. The punch lines (answers) are provided at the bottom.

1. What did the tornado say to the sports car?
2. What happens when the smog clears in southern California?
3. Why did the woman go outdoors with her purse open?
4. Why is Britain the wettest country?
5. What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain?
6. Why is it cold on Christmas?

**PUNCH LINES/ANSWERS:**

1. Want to go for a spin?
2. UCLA
3. Because she expected some change in the weather.
4. Because royalty has reigned there for years.
5. A drizzly bear.
6. Because it's in Decemberrrr!

### On Not Idling ...

I will not idle in a car,  
I will not idle where you are.

I will not idle at the store,  
I do not want to anymore.

Not at the school, THAT'S not cool!  
Cold or hot, I will not.

Not at the bank, not in a line,  
I will not idle anytime!

### Did you know?

**Ozone forms on hot sunny days.** Ozone harms human health and the environment when it forms close to the ground. The most significant things that cause ground-level ozone to form are automobile exhaust, industrial processes and ultraviolet light from sunlight. DHEC provides a daily ozone forecast from April through September.

When you're done with the Clean Air Times, make the Clean Air Kid Fan. (See other side.) Fold along the dotted line and then pull the strip of paper off the adhesive on the wooden handle provided. Place the sticky part of the handle between the folded halves of the fan and press. Now make a breeze!



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