

Local Residents Encouraged to Take Action on Clean Air Day

June 2 is Clean Air Day. It's a good time to reflect on the value of clean air and individual activities that impact air quality.

"While local air quality is at a low risk to health most of the time in our Airshed, Clean Air Day gives us a chance to think about the steps we can all take to help maintain and even improve the quality of our local air," noted Fort Air Partnership Executive Director Nadine Blaney.

There are many ways individuals can contribute to clean air. For example, walking, riding a bicycle or taking the bus instead of driving a car lessens the impact on air quality. Choosing air-friendly products, not idling a vehicle while parked, using less energy by turning down thermostats and air conditioners, and shutting off lights when they are not needed are other ways to improve air quality.

Fort Air Partnership is encouraging residents to support Clean Air Day by taking at least one of these actions during the first week of June...and making it a habit throughout the year.

Fort Air Partnership continuously monitors and reports on outdoor air quality in and around the Industrial Heartland. This information, along with a daily and forecast Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), is available to the public at fortair.org. The AQHI provides people with a way to gauge the quality of outdoor air, and adjust their level of outdoor activity accordingly.

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