

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Clean Air Day is June 8!**

Fort Air Partnership (FAP), the organization that monitors the air local residents breathe, encourages everyone to celebrate Clean Air Day in Canada on June 8 at 11 a.m. MST.

The day is a reminder of the importance of clean air and the role everyone can play in keeping local air quality as healthy as possible. In 1999, Canada declared Clean Air Day an annual celebration during Canadian Environment Week.

"Our work at FAP is all about monitoring the air we breathe every day in our Airshed," shares Nadine Blaney, Executive Director. "Clean Air Day is a good opportunity to recognize how important it is not to take for granted the clean air we breathe and for all of us to do all we can to keep it that way."

In and around Alberta's Industrial Heartland, Fort Air Partnership (FAP) monitors and reports on the quality of the air that people breathe. <u>Ten continuous air monitoring stations</u> in the region measure airborne substances minute by minute, 24 hours a day, all year long. The provincial government uses data from seven of FAP's stations to calculate a daily and forecast Air Quality Health Index.

In 2021, air quality ratings in the local region showed air quality was of a low risk to health more than 95% of the time. The low risk ratings are a credit to efforts made by all three levels of government, industry and residents to create policies, implement practices or follow a lifestyle that manages the impacts of anthropogenic activity on air quality.

From the Environment and Climate Change Canada website:

"Canada's air quality is consistently ranked among the cleanest in the world, according to the World Health Organization. This is largely due to federal, provincial and territorial governments working together to reduce air pollution from vehicles, power plants and industries across the country."

This year the focus is on air quality in a changing climate. Please visit the <u>Government of Canada Clean Air Day website</u> for more information.

For more information on Fort Air Partnership, please click here.

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