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## **Air Quality Awareness Week**

New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine has declared April 28th - May 2nd Air Quality Awareness Week 2008 (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/aqaweek/>). This week emphasizes that you can protect your health, as well as the health of others, by paying attention to local air quality and moving toward living a "greener" lifestyle. Becoming "greener" is easy. Just by making simple changes to your everyday routine, such as combining automobile trips, riding or biking to work, using environmentally friendly cleaning products, and conserving resources, such as turning off the lights to save energy, you can reduce air pollution, lessen your impact on the environment, and likely save money in the process.

Each day of New Jersey's Air Quality Awareness Week 2008 focuses on a different aspect of our everyday lives, emphasizing on how things that we do, almost without thinking about them, impact our environment. As a follow-up, there are tips and suggestions provided which relate to creating and maintaining a sustainable lifestyle within your community, which will simultaneously reduce greenhouse gases, criteria air pollutants, and air toxics. All of the week's themes, facts, and actions can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/aqaweek/tips.htm>. This site also highlights area or local events scheduled during and around during Air Quality Awareness Week.

New Jersey's efforts coincide with a National initiative by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The federal agencies' themes and facts can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/airnow/airaware/>.

Remember to check your local air quality on AirNow (<http://www.airnow.gov>) or the NJDEP's Air Monitoring website (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/airmon/>).

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