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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



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New Air Alert begins Monday *Ozone episode through Sept. 8*

The Valley air basin is in an Air Alert episode from **Monday, Sept. 5 to Thursday, Sept. 8**, with the possibility of extension through Friday, Sept. 9. This includes the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and portions of Kern.

This Air Alert follows the successful inaugural Air Alert that was declared during back-to-school week. Because of the work of Valley residents and businesses, it resulted in one of the cleanest Augusts on record.

Air Alert episodes are called when conditions may lead to ozone formation that results in exceeding the health-based 1-hour ozone standard. There are steps residents and businesses can take to prevent this. Reducing vehicle use is an important way to reduce these emissions.

Residents can reduce smog-forming emissions by:

- Refraining from idling when dropping off/picking up students
- Carpooling, vanpooling or alternate transportation
- Refraining from using drive-through services

Businesses and municipalities can reduce emissions by:

- Shifting operations to early morning or late evening (lawn care)
- Offering flexible work schedules
- Promoting carpools and vanpools for employees
- Implementing telecommuting
- Becoming a Healthy Air Living Partner

The District will issue regular updates during this episode.

For more information about Air Alerts, please visit

http://www.valleyair.org/AirAlert/AirAlert_Landing.htm. To sign up for a free subscription to the Air Alert email notification system please visit <http://www.valleyair.org/lists/list.htm>.

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