

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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RAAN improves speed, accuracy of information to schools

The Air District is partnering with UCSF-Fresno and the American Lung Association to provide greater flexibility to Valley schools in managing student outdoor activities.

The Real-Time Air Quality Advisory Network (RAAN) is a digital communication network that quickly advises schools when air pollution levels threaten student health in any particular area of the Valley.

Currently a pilot program, RAAN is being developed for all schools in the San Joaquin Valley who subscribe to the Air Quality Flag Program, and alerts school staff of sudden changes in air quality for their geographic zone.



Schools are assigned to receive notifications by e-mail or text of drastic air quality improvements or deteriorations from the air quality monitoring station nearest their location. This allows school staff the flexibility to make timely adjustments to their day-to-day outdoor activities and better protect student health.

To find out more about the RAAN Program, visit the Air District website at:

www.valleyair.org/Programs/RAAN/raan_landing.htm.

Rideshare in October

Although anytime is a great time to share a ride with a friend, October 4 - 8 is Rideshare Week. Rideshare events and contests with great prizes are taking place throughout the San Joaquin Valley.



Make sure to check www.healthyairliving.com and the Valley Air District's Facebook page to learn more about these events and how you can participate.

Just a few tips for Living a Healthy Air Life...

- Check your tire pressure. If your tires are not properly inflated, it affects gas mileage. Using more gas creates more emissions and wastes money.
- Walk to work, school, church or the store. Walking is such great exercise. The more you walk to your destinations, the less gas you'll use and the more money you'll save. You'll also create fewer emissions.
- Talk to your employer about telecommuting. If the majority of your work is conducted primarily on a PC, there's a good chance you can be just as productive doing the same job from your home computer, or an employer-assigned computer. Both you and your employer stand to save money on fuel and electricity by having you work at home.
- Become a Healthy Air Living Partner. The Valley Air District invites all businesses, churches and public agencies to become involved in Healthy Air Living. It's free and you'll help educate your staff and clients about how we can all take simple steps to help clean the Valley's air. You'll also receive recognition, tools and incentives. To find out more, visit: www.healthyairliving.com.