

Ozone Alert! Days

Ozone is a “secondary” kind of air pollution. That means, it does not come directly out of a stack, but is formed when a windless day allows pollution (such as exhaust from cars, lawn mowers, and boats or gasoline fumes) to mix with sunlight and heat. Ozone makes breathing harder for those that have respiratory problems, the young or elderly, and those that spend time outside during ozone season (April-October), such as athletes or construction workers.

What is an Ozone Alert! Day?

An Ozone Alert! Day is one in which the ozone levels are predicted to rise to unhealthy levels as set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Ozone levels are predictions for the following day by a local weather forecasting company. Ozone levels are classified as red, orange, yellow, or green. When ozone levels are in the red or orange range, it is considered an **Ozone Alert! Day**. A yellow day is considered to have conditions that may cause ozone levels to reach unhealthy levels. A green day is one in which ozone levels are expected to stay within healthy limits.

What to do on an Ozone Alert! Day:

- Reduce or eliminate driving trips.
- Postpone necessary trips to the evening hours.
- Postpone mowing the yard until the evening.
- Postpone vehicle refueling until the evening.
- Take the bus or carpool. For Rideshare information, call 816.842.RIDE

How to know when it's an Ozone Alert! Day:

- Daily ozone predictions are listed in the Kansas City Star Sports Section.
- www.marc.org
- Call 913.383.7557
- Watch and listen to your local television and radio weathercasts for the Skycast (ozone prediction program sponsored by the Mid-America Regional Council-Marc)

**For more information, call the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department
Air Quality Program, 816.513.6314**