

# CLEAN AIR MONTH 2017

## THE 30 SECOND RULE

Americans waste nearly four million gallons of gas each year by unnecessarily idling their vehicles. The rule of thumb is to turn your engine off if you will be idling for more than 30 seconds.



## Georgia's Clean Air Force Offers Five Tips for Cleaner Air and a Greener Wallet

May is Clean Air Month, and Georgia's Clean Air Force is encouraging motorists to learn about the many ways to help improve air quality in Georgia while saving money, too. Properly maintaining your vehicle and making some small adjustments in driving habits can have a significant impact to overall air quality in Georgia.

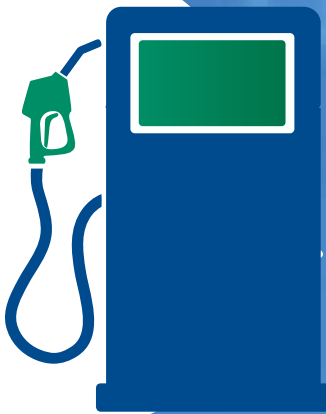
## IT'S COOL TO POOL

According to The Rideshare Company, the average vehicle releases 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. If you team up with some of your colleagues and carpool to work, you can cut down on harmful carbon dioxide emissions.



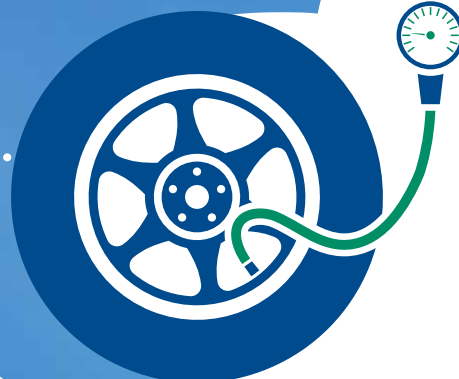
## REFUEL IN THE COOL

Hot temperatures and gasoline fumes combine to create harmful ground-level ozone. Refueling your vehicle in the evening, when temperatures are cooler and gasoline evaporates less rapidly, is recommended.



## GET PUMPED ABOUT CLEANER AIR

Underinflated tires produce more drag, requiring your vehicle's engine to work harder. Properly inflated tires save money, extend the life of your tires and improve gas mileage up to 3.3% annually, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.



## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

There are scores of smartphone apps to improve fuel economy and find the most efficient travel routes. Today, there are even apps that help motorists avoid things like left turns, which can be a major source of idling.



For additional information visit  
Georgia's Clean Air Force at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com).



### About Georgia's Clean Air Force

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is responsible for the management of the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program throughout Atlanta's 13 metro counties. Since 1996, Georgia's Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented more than 1.6 million tons of harmful ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe, the equivalent of removing 13,400 vehicles from the road, or planting more than 400 million trees. It is also estimated that Georgia residents have saved \$311 million in utility bills since 1996 due to cleaner air. The program has also identified and repaired more than three million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, please visit [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com).