April 22, 2020, marks 50 years of Earth Day, our planet’s largest civic event. Georgia’s Clean Air Force, in partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is honoring Earth Day by encouraging motorists to take actions for cleaner air in Georgia.

**Turn It Off.**

Instead of idling in your car, turn it off. Research shows it’s more fuel efficient to turn a car off and restart it as long as the car will be off for more than 10 seconds.

**Eliminate Unnecessary Fumes.**

Don’t keep pumping gas past the automatic shutoff warning. Filling up past the “click” releases unnecessary gas fumes into the environment.

**Streamline Driving Efficiency.**

Earth Day is a great opportunity to improve your vehicle’s overall performance. Adhere to the recommended fuel type, remove any unnecessary items from your trunk, inflate your tires to the correct pressure, and keep your gas cap fully sealed.

**Happy Drivers Make the Best Drivers.**

Revving your engine and rapidly accelerating increases harmful emissions and drains your wallet. A study conducted by the Department of Energy found that aggressive driving can lower your gas mileage by 15 to 30 percent.

Since 1996, Georgia’s Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented nearly 1.9 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.

For more information, please visit [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com).