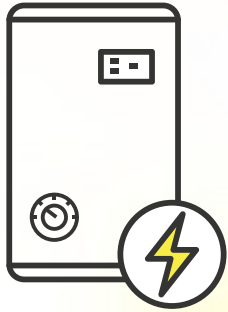


Be GREEN in the New Year!

As you begin planning your New Year's Resolutions, South Coast AQMD encourages you to adopt a few (or all!) of these simple tips to help reduce air pollution.



Choose a Cleaner Furnace – An old house furnace can contribute to air pollution. Breathe better, and save money by switching to a new one. South Coast AQMD's Furnace Rebate Program will help you save money and reduce emissions through rebates up to \$500. For more information, visit CleanAirFurnaceRebate.com.



Wash Clothing in Cold Water – Doing two loads of laundry weekly in cold water instead of hot or warm water can save up to 500 pounds of carbon dioxide each year. Doing your laundry in full loads can decrease the amount of water and energy used, helping you save time and money.



Buy Locally-Produced Food and Compost – Check with your grocer or farmers market for locally-grown produce as it takes less energy to transport and supports the economy in your area. Composting scraps reduces food waste and helps to reduce landfill methane emissions.



Reduce Energy from Your Lights, Electric Appliances and Devices – If you aren't using it, turn it off! Use a timer or surge protector for lamps, appliances, and other devices to help make turning them off much easier.



Refrain from Burning Wood – Wood burning contributes to air pollution and is considered the other secondhand smoke. Improve your health and reduce PM2.5 emissions by switching to more eco-friendly methods of heating your home, such as gas and electric.

Choose Quieter, Cleaner Lawn Equipment - Stop inhaling gasoline fumes, reduce emissions and make less noise while you're tending the lawn by switching to a battery-powered electric lawn mower, leaf blower or trimming equipment. Check out South Coast AQMD's Residential and Commercial Lawn & Garden rebate programs for more information: www.aqmd.gov/lawn

