

When an Ozone Day Alert is received:

1. Gary Boyd will send the alert to the county's Public Information Office and to the Emergency Management Office
2. The PIO will post the warning on the Williamson County web site, the county's Facebook page, through NextDoor, and its Twitter account. Also, an email to county employees will be sent reminding them to gas up their vehicles at the end of the day and no idling.
3. Emergency Management will send out a notice on their app.
4. A voicemail broadcast from the County Judge can be sent to all county employees, too, but we'll give the email route a try first.

Basic proposed language for Ozone Action Day Alerts:

Tomorrow will be an Ozone Action Day. Help Williamson County fight smog and help your family member and friend who may have asthma or some other respiratory ailment by taking the following actions:

- Fuel up your vehicle either before you get home today or after 5:00pm tomorrow.
- Take a lunch to work tomorrow, so you don't have to drive to pick one up.
- If you can, telecommute, or take an alternate mode of transportation to work tomorrow, such as carpool, bike, or public transportation. Run your errands late in the day and combine trips.
- Get to work before 8:00am to cut buildup of smog later in the morning.
- If it's on your to do list, mow your yard late in the day.

These actions could help keep Williamson County from achieving non-attainment status with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Non-attainment means that there is a persistent high level of pollutants in our air. Being labelled "non-attainment" triggers several actions, including more regulations and restrictions on new and expanding businesses, thereby putting our economy at risk. It could delay any plans for new roads. The annual cost to county taxpayers has been projected to be upwards of close to \$1.4 billion, and will impact everyone for many, many years. This is in addition to the human cost for those with respiratory ailments.

Please do your part by taking at least one of the actions listed above. They take a little planning, but they are easy to do. Thank you for helping to clear the air in Williamson County.