

AUGUST SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

Cleaning Our Air for a Healthier Community

OWN A CAR? START HERE.

When we think about air quality, we typically think about transportation, so this is our focus for week 4. Here are some ways you can improve our air with your car (see [HERE](#) for more details).

- Remember **not to top off the gas** when you fill up. This prevents fumes from escaping in the air.
- Check your **tire pressure each month**. This helps you drive more efficiently (saving money) as well as driving safer.
- Combine errands** whenever possible. Shorter trips can use more fuel than one longer trip.
- Drive less on ozone action days**. Visit airnorthtexas.org to sign up for alerts.



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Alternative transportation results in lower emissions and better air quality with walking and biking giving off zero emissions. Here are alternative transportation opportunities in our area.

- [Fort Worth Bike Sharing](#) is a city-wide network of bike stations, and we have a station at HSC in front of the library. Students receive a **FREE** annual membership, and employees receive a \$40 annual membership.
- Students and employees receive 25% discounts on monthly or annual transit passes. We also subsidize the annual passes to over 75% off once a year. [Contact us](#) to learn more.
- The Dash is a fully electric bus that services our campus. [Learn more here](#).
- Have an electric vehicle? We have charging stations on campus. [Learn more here](#).

MORE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

- [Register with TryParkingIt](#) through the HSC portal. The site is a regional ride-matching system, but it also rewards you based on commuting more sustainably such as working remotely. You can earn gift cards for logging your remote work days!
- While this year air travel is down due to COVID-19, there are ways to [fly more sustainably](#) when you are ready. Such as:
 - Reduce waste by bringing your own snacks in reusable containers and filling your water bottle prior to boarding.
 - Choose to offset your flight. Many airlines give you this option during booking to help reduce emissions.
 - Fly direct if possible. Take off and landing generate a quarter of the flight's emissions.
 - Go further by traveling to places that focus on sustainability. If you're seeing family, think about ways to engage them in a conversation around sustainability.