

# DRAFT 8-26-03

## Air Quality Index (AQI) At-A-Glance Messages Particle Pollution

Use this messaging grid when particles are the primary pollutant of concern  
– and ozone levels are green or yellow.

AQI color code	Who is affected?	What is the significance?	What action should people take?
Green	–	Air quality is good	Enjoy activities
Yellow	People who are unusually sensitive to air pollution	Air quality is a concern for people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution	<b>People unusually sensitive to air pollution:</b> Plan strenuous activities when air quality is better
Orange	People with heart or lung disease (including asthma), older adults, and children	Air quality is unhealthy for people in sensitive groups	<b>Sensitive groups:</b> Cut back or reschedule strenuous activities
Red	Everyone, especially people with heart or lung disease (including asthma), older adults, and children	Air quality is unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Cut back or reschedule strenuous activities <b>Sensitive groups:</b> Avoid strenuous activities
Purple	Everyone, especially people with heart or lung disease (including asthma), older adults, and children	Air quality is very unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Significantly cut back on physical activities <b>Sensitive groups:</b> Avoid <b>all</b> physical activities



## Air Quality Index (AQI) At-A-Glance Messages Ozone

Use this messaging grid when ozone is the primary pollutant of concern  
– and particle levels are green or yellow.

AQI color code	Who is affected?	What is the significance?	What action should people take?
Green	–	Air quality is good	Enjoy activities
Yellow	People who are unusually sensitive to air pollution	Air quality is a concern for people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution	<b>People unusually sensitive to air pollution:</b> Plan strenuous outside activities when air quality is better
Orange	People with lung disease (including asthma), active adults and children	Air quality is unhealthy for people in sensitive groups	<b>Sensitive groups:</b> Cut back or reschedule strenuous outside activities
Red	Everyone, especially people with lung disease (including asthma), active adults and children	Air quality is unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Cut back or reschedule strenuous outside activities <b>Sensitive groups:</b> Avoid strenuous outside activities
Purple	Everyone, especially people with lung disease (including asthma), active adults and children	Air quality is very unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Significantly cut back on outside physical activities <b>Sensitive groups:</b> Avoid <b>all</b> outside physical activities



## Air Quality Index (AQI) At-A-Glance Messages Ozone and Particle Combinations

Use this grid when both pollutants are at unhealthy levels (orange, red, or purple). Always refer to the message for the higher-level pollutant.

For example, if the forecast is ozone orange/ particles red, refer to the red message.

Pollutants and AQI color codes	Who is affected?	What is the significance?	What action should people take?
Ozone and particle pollution: <b>orange/orange</b>	Active adults, people with heart or lung disease (including asthma), older adults, and children	Air quality is unhealthy for many people	<b>Sensitive Groups:</b> Cut back or reschedule strenuous activities
Ozone and particle pollution: <b>red/orange, orange/red, or red/red</b>	Everyone, especially people with heart or lung disease	Air quality is unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Avoid strenuous activities
Ozone and particle pollution: <b>purple/orange, orange/purple, purple/red, red/purple, or purple/purple</b>	Everyone, especially people with heart or lung disease	Air quality is very unhealthy for everyone	<b>Everyone:</b> Avoid physical activities