

Subject: Air Quality Advisory and Milwaukee area alert
Importance: High
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Warmer temps and sunshine are perfect conditions for producing higher levels of ozone from pollutants in the air. Ozone pollution levels are expected to be within the YELLOW/"moderate" range in Forest County today (Wednesday) and tomorrow (Thursday), possibly longer. In the Milwaukee area, ozone levels are expected to reach the ORANGE/"Unsafe for Sensitive Groups level for today and YELLOW tomorrow.

YELLOW - air quality is acceptable; however, there may be a moderate health concern for a small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution, including those with asthma and/or heart disease. For these individuals it is best to limit outdoor activity.

ORANGE - Air Quality is UNSAFE for even mildly sensitive individuals. Please take care to refrain from outdoor activities, particularly if your cardio and/or pulmonary health is compromised. And, because young children breathe faster, inhale deeper and are much more active; limiting their outdoor physical activity is also advised.

For others, you can help keep air pollutant levels down by limiting how much you drive, wait to mow lawns until evening, and limit burning wood and/or yard waste.

Keep up on air quality conditions at EPA's Air Quality Index webpage at www.airnow.gov.

