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Weber-Morgan Health Department calls on residents to “Be Air Aware”

(Ogden, UT) The Weber-Morgan Health Department wants to remind Ogden-area residents that there are things each individual can do to help ward off that gloomy haze of pollution that builds along the Wasatch Front.

“The majority of the pollution is generated by automobiles,” says Louis Cooper, Environmental Health Director with the Weber-Morgan Health Department. “Each time you turn the key, you contribute a little bit to that smog through the burning fuels and kicking up dust as you travel on the road.”

With that in mind, the health department is conducting a “Be Air Aware” campaign to educate residents on steps they can take to curb air pollution in our community. The campaign features billboards and signs posted throughout Weber County.

Since 1991, Weber-Morgan Health Department has operated a federally-mandated Mobile Source (I/M) Air Quality Program in an effort to meet EPA guidelines for healthy air in our community. This program focuses on helping drivers understand their role in our local air quality. WMHD works to educate local auto repair shop owners and technicians to monitor vehicles located within Weber County to reduce the impact of auto emissions on the particulate counts and gasses emitted into the air.

Please join us. Drive less by walking, biking or taking public transportation. Reduce idling, by shutting off your vehicle if you know you are going to be sitting for longer than a minute. Maintain your vehicle, by keeping up with your vehicle’s emission tests and keeping your car in good repair.

Residents learn more about the program, find the current air quality conditions and learn how to protect their health by limiting exposure to pollution on the health department’s website www.webermorganhealth.org.

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