

HAPPY HOME



CLEAN AIR
Why is it important
to keep our air clean?

RECYCLING
IN UTAH
What items are
recyclable?

CLEAN AIR

Utah's population is growing rapidly. Compared to other states, Utah ranked third in growth on the last census report. Growth in population affects many things like traffic, housing prices, and access to clean air. Over the last few years, clean air has become the dominant environmental issue addressed in Northern Utah. Salt Lake County offers beautiful access to the mountains surrounding us, but this unique set up creates air challenges for our residents during the summer and the winter months. Our beautiful mountains essentially lock the polluted air in.

Most emissions come from three main sources: vehicles, area sources, and industry. It has been reported that vehicles (cars, trucks, and heavy-duty vehicles) are the number one contributors to our air quality problems in the state of Utah. The second largest emissions source are area sources (houses, wood burning, development projects, and agriculture). The third largest source is industry (refineries, mines, power plants, and waste facilities). Their numbers have decreased thanks to federal regulations, but there is still a long way to go to help clean up our air.

Air quality not only affects the environment surrounding us, but it also affects our health as we



are repeatedly exposed to pollution. This exposure increases our risk of problems like asthma, decreased lung function, heart attacks, and can lower our resistance to diseases, colds, and pneumonia.

There are many little things you and your loved ones can do to help keep our air quality at a healthy level. You can use public transport to get to and from work or social events or start carpooling with others when you have the same end destination. If you own a car, keep up on it and make sure it is in good shape by checking it's emissions yearly. Another great way to positively impact our air quality is to plant and care for trees. Lastly, do not burn your garbage or recycling, make sure to dispose of it according to county guidelines.

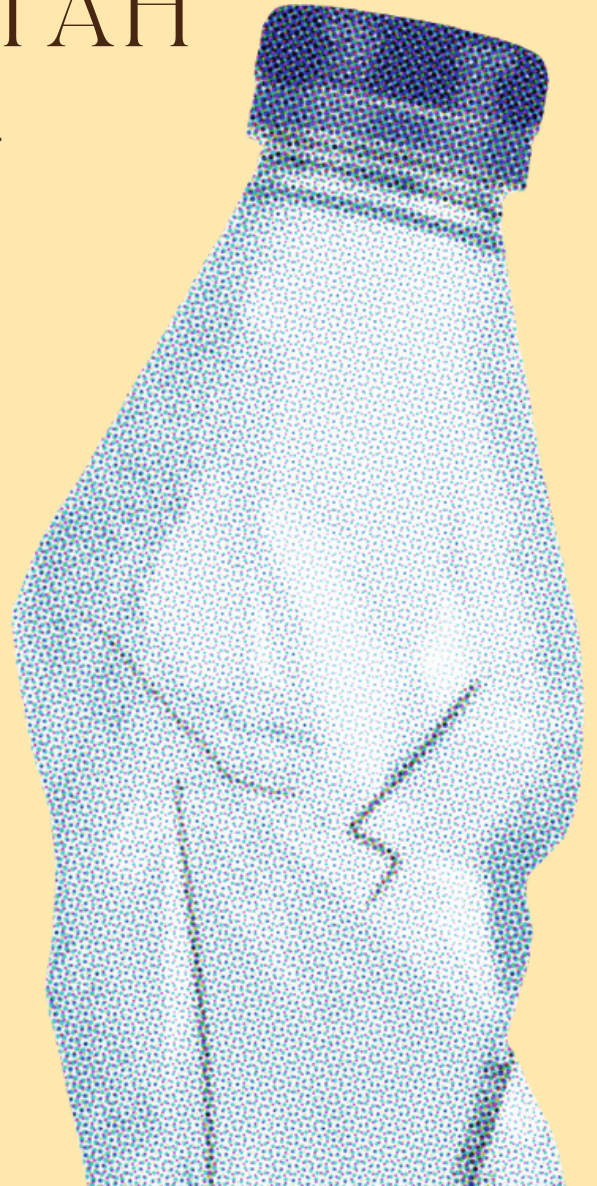


Watch our recorded Air Quality Workshop for more information!

RECYCLING IN UTAH

Recycling is one of the easiest ways you can help the environment. Though it is easy, it can still be a bit confusing. Recycling is important because it greatly reduces the amount of waste that we send to landfills and incinerators. It conserves our important natural resources like water, timber, and minerals. It also helps lessen pollutants and reduce greenhouse gasses because it helps reduce the need to mine or create new products. This is awesome because as we recycle, we are also helping clean up our air quality. Recycling creates a lot of job opportunities for people in our county!

It can be a bit daunting to start recycling if you are unfamiliar with it. Below you will find a list of items that you cannot recycle as well as a list of items that you can recycle. If you don't have access to recycling, make sure to check out the interactive map below to find a recycling location near you!

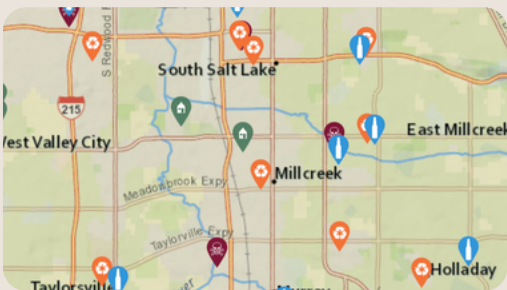


DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Food wrappers
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Glass
- Clothing
- Electronics



WHERE CAN I RECYCLE?



Click on the map to find a recycling location near you!

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

- Office paper
- Newspaper
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Empty aerosol cans
- Plastic containers
- Paper products
- Metal products



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