

SPARE THE AIR 2009: JUNE 1 TO MID-OCTOBER

- ***KNOW when a Spare the Air Day is declared!*** Employers and employees are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to sign up for their own direct email “Air Alerts” at www.sparetheair.org. This will ensure direct notification of Spare the Air Days as soon as possible. Due to timing constraints and technical limitations, the Bishop Ranch Transportation Center can not email Spare the Air announcements directly to all the employees and employers in Bishop Ranch.
- If you ride any County Connection bus route on a Spare the Air Day, and want to continue riding free, request a Bishop Ranch Express/Local Bus Pass by visiting <http://www.bishopranch.com/transportation/index.shtml> and click “Request/Renew Bus Pass” on the Quick Links list or call (925) 830-0101. The 2009 Bishop Ranch Bus Pass is a system-wide pass on all County Connection local and express routes.
- If you carpool, vanpool, or ride transit on a Spare the Air Day and decide to continue, we strongly recommend that you sign up for the free Guaranteed Ride Home Program. For details, visit <http://www.511contracosta.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/grh06-for-web.pdf>.
- To keep track of the number of Spare the Air Days declared or for more information on the program, visit www.sparetheair.org.
- Want to participate, but not sure how or need your car at work? See the suggestions that follow!

Top 5 ways to help, if you must drive on a Spare the Air Day:

1. Offer a ride to someone else!
 - a. Don't be shy! Invite a coworker to carpool with you!
 - b. Offer to drop a neighbor at the nearest BART station or transit hub.
2. Use non-aerosol, air-friendly household cleaners and personal care products.
3. Postpone yard chores using gas-powered equipment.
4. If you BBQ, use an electric starter or chimney starter to avoid using lighter fluid.
5. Add gas to your motor vehicle in the evening, NOT in the morning!