

GRIC DEQ - AIR QUALITY ALERT

HIGH OZONE

Forecast for Thursday 8/27:

A high pressure system combined with the smoke generated from fires in the eastern part of the state has created hazy conditions on the Community along with elevated ozone concentrations. The 8-hour ozone standard was exceeded on the Community on Monday (8/24), Tuesday (8/25), and Wednesday (8/26).

Ozone concentrations are not expected to exceed the 8-hour standard today Thursday (8/27); however, the current weather conditions are expected to last through Friday (8/28) with slight improvements on air quality on Friday.

Health Recommendations:

- **Children / Elders / Heart or Lung Disease** - OK to be active outside for short activities like recess & PE. For longer activities such as athletic practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities
- **Everyone else** - OK to be active outside

Monitor AQ webpage for near-current conditions (www.gricdeq.org/air-monitoring)



ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

- Reduce driving - combine errands into one trip, ride the bus, bike, walk or share rides
- Avoid idling your vehicle's engine. Refrain from long drive-thru lines - park and go inside instead
- Re-fuel your car after 6 p.m. when fumes are less likely to form ozone
- While re-fueling, always stop at the click to avoid spills and overfilling gas tank
- Make sure your gas cap is tightly sealed after re-fueling
- Check your tire pressure monthly to reduce gasoline use and associated air pollution
- Use low VOC or water-based paints, stains, finishes and paint strippers
- Avoid using gas-powered lawn and gardening equipment
- Conserve electricity to reduce emissions from power plants