

Who is the RAQC?

Established in 1989, the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) is designated by the governor as the lead air quality planning organization for Colorado's Front Range. We are an independent nonprofit run by a small, dedicated staff. The governor appoints our diverse 30-member board.

What do we do?

The RAQC works with state agencies to create plans to improve air quality and run programs that benefit the Front Range. We serve a nine-county region that is out of compliance with federal standards for ground-level ozone that includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, most of Larimer, and Weld counties.

What is ground-level ozone?

Ground-level ozone is the Front Range's most pressing air quality problem. Emissions from many sources—including industrial activity, fuel use, lawn equipment, and products like paint and cleaning supplies—combine on sunny summer days to form this invisible, odorless pollutant. It irritates our throats and lungs and aggravates lung diseases such as asthma.

Why is air quality planning important?

The RAQC develops clean air plans for the state through data analysis and evaluation of control strategies to reduce emissions in the region and protect public health.

Ozone Nonattainment Area



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The RAQC Clean Air Fund

The RAQC Clean Air Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to funding and supplementing RAQC air quality programs that reduce ozone within the EPA's Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Non-Attainment Area.

Learn more and donate today at raqc.org.



**The lead air quality
planning organization
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Front Range**



Get ozone alerts: SimpleStepsBetterAir.org
or text "**BetterAirCO**" to 21000.



The RAQC works to reduce ozone pollution and attain federal ozone standards in the region through technical analysis, evaluation of air pollution control strategies, and the development of emissions-reduction plans. We collaborate with state and local governments, community groups, industries, and residents to build air quality plans that serve all communities in the Denver Metro and North Front Range region.

Learn more about RAQC's blueprint for clean air and how to get involved with air quality planning at raqc.org/aq-planning/.



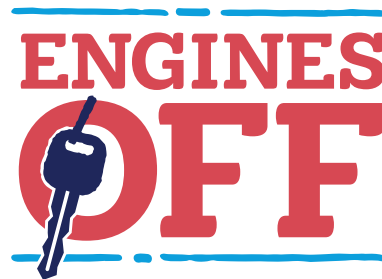
Simple Steps. Better Air. is the RAQC's public awareness and outreach program that educates area residents about summer ground-level ozone pollution and the simple steps they can take to protect their health, reduce their emissions, and improve air quality in the Front Range.

Know when it matters most:

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The Mow Down Pollution program mitigates ground-level ozone and enhances Front Range air quality by incentivizing the switch to electric lawn and garden equipment. This initiative offers vouchers and grants to support individuals and small businesses who opt to recycle their gas-powered lawn equipment and replace it with electric-powered alternatives. Learn more at MowDownPollution.org.



The RAQC's Engines Off programs are designed to reduce harmful emissions from vehicle idling. We partner with schools to launch education campaigns, local governments to adopt anti-idling ordinances and policies, and small mobile businesses on electrification. Learn more at EnginesOff.org.

Engines Off for Mobile Businesses

The RAQC awards grant funding to mobile business and food truck owners to help them replace fossil fuel-powered generators with batteries to reduce noise, air pollution, and overhead expenses from fuel consumption.



The Clean Air Auto Repair (CAAR) program repairs high-emitting vehicles within the Front Range. CAAR provides vehicle owners with resources to repair or replace their vehicle emission systems, reducing harmful pollutants. By focusing on these vehicles, CAAR aims to improve air quality in affected areas, mitigating health risks associated with poor air conditions and promoting a healthier environment for communities. Learn more at CleanAirAutoRepair.org.



Accessible Bikes for Community (ABC) provides funding for low-income housing communities on the Front Range that want to offer e-bikes to residents as a healthy, affordable, and environmentally friendly option for commuting and running errands. ABC's e-bike fleets eliminate the high upfront cost of e-bike ownership while offering a fun, flexible micromobility option to these communities. Learn more at raqc.org/ABC.