

HOUSING PROVIDER BULLETIN

Efforts to Reduce Smog

In southern Ontario, particularly in and around the urban areas, periods of smog occur often during the summer months. During smog alert days, air quality falls well below acceptable standards.

Efforts can and should be made to reduce smog. When air quality is poor, housing providers can try to:

- avoid the use of gas powered equipment, especially lawnmowers, garden tractors and other equipment that do not have anti-pollution devices
- avoid letting vehicles or any other engines idle
- conserve electricity

Additional information on smog and what can be done to reduce it is available on the Ministry of the Environment website at **www.airqualityontario.com**. To receive advance notification of warnings that poor air quality may be on its way, join the smog alert network at **www.airqualityontario.com/alerts/signup.cfm**.

Please contact your Program Co-ordinator if you have questions.