

# Clean Automobile Guide

Despite growth in San Diego County, the air is cleaner than in the past. With the guidance of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board and assisted by improvements in air pollution reduction technology, San Diego has made great strides in cleaning up the air. We are not where we want to be. The State has established clean air standards to protect public health. In 2006, San Diego recorded pollution levels were higher than the ozone standard on 68 days.

Most air pollution in San Diego County comes directly or indirectly from vehicles including automobiles. Choosing an automobile with good fuel efficiency is one way an individual can cause less air pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for testing and posting fuel economy data for all new cars and light trucks. Each year, EPA publishes a fuel economy guide and lists of the Fuel Economy Leaders for that year. (See table below.)

<b>Fuel Economy Leaders: 2007 Model Year</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Manufacturer/Model</b>	<b>MPG city/highway</b>
1	Toyota Prius (hybrid-electric)	60/51
2	Honda Civic Hybrid	49/51
3	Toyota Camry Hybrid	40/38
4	Ford Escape Hybrid FWD	36/31
5	Toyota Yaris (manual)	34/40
6	Toyota Yaris (automatic)	34/39
7	Honda Fit (manual)	33/38
8	Toyota Corolla (manual)	32/41
9	Hyundai Accent (manual)	32/35
	Kia Rio (manual)	32/35
10	Ford Escape Hybrid 4WD	32/29
	Mercury Mariner Hybrid 4WD	32/29

To find out about other car choices, please visit.

- California Air Resources Board "Drive Clean" Site: [www.driveclean.ca.gov](http://www.driveclean.ca.gov)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: [www.epa.gov/greenvehicles](http://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles)
- U.S. Department of Energy Fuel Economy Site: [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov)