

# Air Quality Flag Program

WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 RECAP OF RESOURCES

Here's a wrap up of new program offerings from 2021. You can find them all at

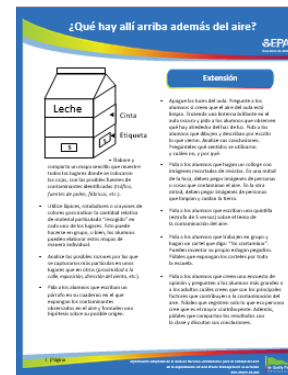
<https://www.airnow.gov/flag>:

- Free poster for community education about local air quality
- Electronic flags to display in schools. Download the electronic flag graphics at <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/air-quality-flag-program-classroom-curriculum/virtual-flag-display/>.
- Introduced the high-pollution, maroon-colored flags. As wildfires continue to become more frequent and widespread; communities now have an unfortunate need for the maroon flag, which signifies the most hazardous air quality conditions.
- Updated lesson plans to align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Download at <https://www.airnow.gov/air-quality-flag-program-classroom-curriculum-publications/>.
- The children's picture book Why is Coco Orange? is now an animated video on the EPA YouTube channel with English and Spanish captions at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TAuzMniolU>

## AND ON TO 2022!

This coming spring, keep an eye out for the following:

- New activities for Earth Day
- More Spanish-language lesson plans



We're also working on other outreach and communication materials for later in the year, and always welcome suggestions for new products, so don't hesitate to contact us.

## PETS AND AIR QUALITY



It's not just humans who can communicate the local air quality. Little puppy Oskar has a bandanna for each color of the AQI. He's happy it's a green day in this photo. One day he'll be bigger than the bandannas!



## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD IN ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

Application deadline is **February 1, 2022**

EPA is looking for comprehensive programs that demonstrate improved asthma outcomes, compelling financial outcomes and progress toward financial sustainability. Past award winners include health care plans, health care providers, public health, and community-based organizations.

Learn more about the online application process at <https://asthmacommunitynetwork.org/awards>, which allows you to highlight how your program emphasizes environmental management as a standard component of care. You can also access the downloadable checklist to help you through the application process.

Have questions about your application? For more information visit <https://asthmacommunitynetwork.org/awards/about> or contact us at [EPALeadershipAwards@AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org](mailto:EPALeadershipAwards@AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org)



## THE COMPANIES CRUSHING POLLUTION #VIDEOCHALLENGE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the launch of the “Companies Crushing Pollution” Video Challenge. EPA will award a total of \$50,000 in prize money through the video challenge.

The Challenge invites high school and college students and others including people who live near industrial facilities to create videos illustrating how businesses in the U.S. are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative pollution prevention (P2) practices, and by having a positive impact on the environment and communities. Videos should be 1-3 minutes in total length.

Participants have a chance to win up to \$5,000. All videos must be submitted by **March 1, 2022**. Check out the recorded webinar that discusses challenge logistics and rules. <https://youtu.be/mVoMxtQha4Y>

Website for Challenge: <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/companies-crushing-pollution-video-challenge>

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