

What Causes Air Pollution?



Wildfires

Wildfires can spread quickly through forests, grasses, and bushes.

They can happen when the weather is really hot and dry, or if something like a spark from a campfire, a lightning strike, or even an accident makes the fire start.

The smoke in the air caused by wildfires causes poor air quality and can be carried in the wind to other communities or even provinces.



Industry

The fumes created by factories and other large industries can cause air pollution by burning coal, or other materials to make products.



Vehicles

Vehicle exhaust is made up of gases and particles that are harmful for the environment. That is why it is important to try not to idle your vehicle in order to cut back on the amount of fumes going into the air.



City Pollution

City pollution is caused by lots of vehicles, industry, factories, homes, and other buildings releasing fumes and gases into the air.

It causes poor air quality and, if there's a lot of pollution in the air, can sometimes make the sky look gray instead of blue.