Is Air Pollution A Problem?

Have you ever wondered about air pollution and if it’s affecting us? Air pollution is becoming more of something to be concerned about, as we drive cars and run factories putting more chemicals into the air each day pollution has reached the top ten killers on earth. At this rate by 2050 6 million people will die each year just from air pollution. We need to be more aware about air pollution and what it is doing to us and our health.

The average American breaths in about 2 gallons of air per minute-3400 gallons of air per day, and 60% of Americans live in areas where air pollution is damaging to their health. Just in California air pollution kills 25,000 people and medical supplies for air pollution damage is about 200$ million per year. In 1995 a study link between air pollution and heart disease was found showing that when air pollution went up so did heart disease cases. Air pollution puts you at higher risk of asthma and bronchitis and other related diseases and can take about 2 years off your life span over long periods of exposure.

Introduction of chemicals into the air can and will cause discomfort, disease, and even the death of plants and animals. We aren’t only harming ourselves but we are also killing dolphins, their getting black lung disease. Black lung disease is caused by the inhalation of small amounts of coal dust over a series of time. The chemicals are also harming animals that feed on plants when mercury settles on the plant and an animal eats the plant the animal absorbs it and if something else decides to eat that animal it just keeps magnifying up the food chain. When mercury settles on a plant it is absorbed by the plant and can contaminate the “clean” oxygen.

But what can we do about air pollution? We can ride bikes instead of cars to work and school, riding a bike places will also save you money on gas. Take the bus they can carry about 40 people when cars can only carry a few. Buy a gas efficient car one that’s right for your schedule and family, if you have one person ridding in the car buy a smaller car. You can also buy a electric cars they can run on battery packs and one that runs only on electricity rather than gas. There are ways we can cut back on air pollution but we have to change our daily schedule but the results will be healthier and cleaner.


