5 Main Sources of Air Pollution

**Household**
3 billion people still use solid fuels and open fires for cooking, heating, and lighting.

**Industry**
Energy production is a leading source of air pollution (e.g., coal-burning power plants, diesel generators).

**Transport**
The global transport sector accounts for almost 1/4 of energy-related CO₂ emissions and the figure is still rising.

**Agriculture**
Around 24% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture, forestry, and other land use.

**Waste**
An estimated 40% of waste is openly burned globally. Open waste burning and organic waste in landfills release harmful dioxins, furans, methane, and black carbon.

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**Help Promote Clean Air**

- Walk, bike, or take public transport.
- Choose fuel-efficient vehicles.
- Use clean burning fuels.
- Don’t openly burn waste.
- Reduce food waste.
- Compost organic waste.
- Plant a garden.
- Consider using solar energy at home.
- Participate in clean air initiatives in your community.

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Sources: Conserve Energy Future and the UN Environment.

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