

# Clean Air to Share



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# Clean Air

Clean air is important for everyone. Without clean air, it is hard to breathe, go outside, or play outdoors. Not only do people need clean air, but plants and animals need it too.

When air is clean, the sky is clear. When air is clean, clean water falls when it rains. When air is clean, people are healthier, and they feel better.

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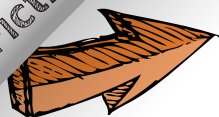


Unclean air looks different from clean air. It might be filled with **pollution**. It might make everything look hazy. Unclean air makes it hard to see far away. Breathing can be hard as well when the air is unclean.

So, how do we keep our air clean? People are hard at work finding ways everyone can help.

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# Raheem Plants Trees

“Happy Arbor Day!” Mr. Murphy calls out as Raheem and his classmates find their seats. Raheem had only been in Mr. Murphy’s class for a few weeks. He liked that the wacky teacher was always excited to start the day. Raheem didn’t have a lot of friends yet, but Mr. Murphy made school fun anyway. Today, Mr. Murphy had drawn a ton of trees on the whiteboard. He was even dressed like a tree!





“Today, we are going to plant trees around the school,” Mr. Murphy began. “Trees are the world’s lungs. They help turn dirty air into clean, healthy air.”

The more excited Mr. Murphy became, the more excited the class became too. Raheem remembered his old house, surrounded by trees. It was very easy to breathe there. He wanted everyone to feel that way.





Raheem and his class got to work. Mr. Murphy showed each student where to dig a hole for the tree they would plant. It was hard work! Ms. Barnes, the P.E. teacher, came over to help. After they finished digging, Ms. Barnes helped Raheem place a young tree into the hole he dug.

Mr. Murphy gave a watering can to Raheem.

“It will be up to each of you to make sure your tree grows and stays healthy,” began Mr. Murphy. “Each leaf on a tree has the power to turn dirty air into clean air. As each tree matures, it will grow more leaves. That means it will get better at cleaning air!”

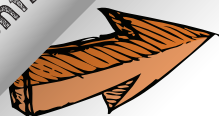




Raheem carefully poured water onto his newly planted tree. Today had been a lot of hard work, but he was glad they had done something good. When he got home, he planned on asking his parents if they could plant a tree too.



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Every human, plant, and animal relies on clean air. But keeping air clean can be hard work. It has to be a global effort. Learn what small things people can do to make a worldwide impact.

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