

### Healthy People

- 150 chemicals found in the home are connected to allergies, birth defects, cancer and psychological disorders.
- The average American uses about 25 gallons of products with hazardous chemicals per year in their home...a major portion of these can be found in household cleaning products.
- Within 26 seconds after exposure to chemicals, such as those found in cleaning products, traces of these chemicals can be found in every organ in the body.

*Sources: Environmental Protection Agency, Public Interest Research Group, HealthyStuff.org, Consumer Protection Agency, US House of Representatives Report, The Merck Index, Prosperity without Pollution, CHEC's Health House.*



### Healthy Communities

- No health information is available for more than 80% of the industrial chemicals in everyday-use products.
- Today 300 synthetic chemicals are found in every one of our bodies.
- Research shows that even newborn babies have synthetic chemicals passed on from their mothers.
- Since 1901, cancer rates have increased from only 1 in 8,000 Americans, to 1 in 3 today!

*Sources: REACH (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals, a European Union program), American Cancer Society, Environmental Protection Agency.*



### Healthy Environment

- Since 1950, at least 70,000 new chemical compounds have been invented and dispersed into our environment. Only a fraction of these have been tested for human toxicity.
- More than 32 million pounds of household cleaning products are poured down the drain each day nationwide.
- In 2000, major American corporations dumped 7.1 billion pounds of 650 different industrial chemicals into our air and water.



*Sources: Raising Children Toxic Free, EarthJustice, Cleaning Without Toxic Chemicals, Sustainable Futures Group, CHEC's Health House*



### Healthy Air

A driver can save as much as \$150 each year by not idling.

- Idling accounts for over 93 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and 10.6 billion wasted gallons of gasoline a year, equaling 1.6% of all U.S. emissions.
- Idling emits toxic chemicals that trigger asthma.
- Asthma, once a very rare disease, has tripled in the last 20 years with nearly 13% of Lane County's children afflicted.

*Sources: Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Oregon Environmental Council, Consumer Federation of America, Environmental Health Perspectives*