

# THE BEST WAYS TO USE AIR CLEANERS

**1** Place the air cleaner (also known as air purifier) so that it is 6" away from the nearest object including walls. This helps with air intake, so the air purifier can draw in more air and trap and remove more allergens and smoke.

**2** Place on a flat surface like the floor for stability. Make sure it will not fall on anyone.

**3** Air purifiers are for indoor use only. Windows and doors should be closed when using the air purifier. When windows and door are open, pollutants like car exhaust and wildfire smoke can come in. Air purifiers work best in closed spaces.

**4** It is recommended that the air purifier be placed in your bedroom at night and turned on while you sleep. This allows your body to benefit from clean, filtered air throughout the night.

**5** It is recommended that the air purifier run all the time on low. When wildfire smoke is making the outside air quality unhealthy, run the air purifier on high. Even on high they are energy efficient and low cost. For more information about air quality and wildfires, go to <http://baaqmd.gov/wildfiresafety>.

**6** Some air cleaners have a feature called "ionizers". Ionizers may emit ozone or other byproducts that can irritate the lungs. For air cleaners with an ionizer feature, it is recommended that the ionizer is turned off. (The Winix models have an ionizer called PlasmaWave, which should

be turned off. The Germ Guardian models do not have an ionizer.)

Filters need to be changed regularly. Most purifiers have a pre-filter that needs to be replaced regularly and a HEPA filter that needs to be replaced at least every 12 months. Read the manufacturer's instructions for your air purifier. When changing a filter, disconnect the power cord, change the filter, and plug it back in. It is best to take the machine outside to change the filter, so the dust collected on the filter does not re-enter the house. (The Germ Guardian models need to have their filters changed ever 6 months. The Winix models need to have their filters changed every 12months. The Winix 5300-2 also has a washable pre-filter and carbon filter that needs to be washed every 3 months.

## 7 SAFETY TIPS

- If your air purifier has a child/pet locking feature, turn it on so children and pets don't tamper with the settings.
- Do not place objects on top of the unit, as that will block air flow.
- Do not place the air purifier in an enclosed room where explosive, flammable or toxic gases are present.

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AIR CLEANER  
EXAMPLES:



WINIX A230



WINIX 5300-2



GERM GUARDIAN AC4900CA



GERM GUARDIAN AC5000E