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Quick Facts

- The gas cap check will be held June 26 in the Winthrop Coliseum parking lot.
- The event is promoted by Clean Air Works!, a Charlotte-area group.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University and the **York County Regional Chamber of Commerce** will cosponsor a gas cap check on Tuesday, June 26, at the **Winthrop Coliseum** parking lot as part of an effort to improve the region's air quality.

The check lasts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the north side parking lot of the Winthrop Coliseum. Members of the public may turn into the lot, drive to a tented checkpoint, pop their gas tank cover and a **Clean Air Works!** staffer will check the gas cap to see if it is leaking fumes into the environment. If so, a new cap will be provided free on the spot.

Organizers said a defective gas cap can cost a vehicle owner up to two tanks of gas per year. A faulty gas cap also contributes to the region's air pollution, especially during the summer time. The primary source of the air pollution comes from ground-level ozone which is produced when nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds are cooked by sunlight and high temperatures. About half of the ozone air pollution is believed to be caused by car and truck emissions.

The June 26 gas cap check event is promoted by **Clean Air Works!**, a Charlotte region air quality advocacy and action group mobilizing employers throughout the region to work together on strategies to help lessen ozone, particularly during summer months, so Charlotte will not exceed federal air pollution standards.

For more information, call the chamber at 803/324-7500.

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