

Environmental
Racism and how it
effects the black
community

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Environmental Racism is a form of systemic racism whereby communities of colour are disproportionately burdened with health hazards through policies and practices that force them to live in proximity to sources of toxic waste such as sewage works, mines, landfills, power stations, major roads and emitters of airborne particulate matter. As a result, these communities suffer greater rates of health problems attendant on hazardous pollutants.

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Other than supporting charities who fight for justice, there is very little that we can do to reduce the effects it has on us and our families but....there are some actions

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If you can, research the area before you rent or buy a house/flat. Check for landfills, dual carriage ways, pylons and sewage works. It just takes a simple search on google maps to see what's in the area.

Contact your local MP or Councillor to raise your concern. It is their job to represent your issues in Parliament. You can get their contact details on www.parliament.uk

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If they don't respond then go to see them face-face at one of their surgeries, which they should hold in the area on a regular basis.

Purify your home as much as possible.

You can buy 5 ltr water filter containers or connect a water filter mechanism onto your tap

Buy an air diffuser or/and humidifier

Buy plants that give out oxygen 24hours a day, like aloe vera plants. Not all plants give out oxygen at night so do your research.

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