



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Possibility of smoke impacts from Northern California wildfires

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is advising Bay Area residents of the possibility that smoke from the wildfires around California may impact parts of Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Solano counties.

Weather patterns may temporarily transport smoke into northern parts of the region.

Air quality is expected to be in the good or low moderate category. The forecast indicates that the Bay Area will not exceed federal health standards for air pollution. Any impacts are expected to be minor; however, residents may smell smoke.

In general, Bay Area residents in regions impacted by wildfire smoke are advised to:

- If air smells of smoke, limit outdoor activities to avoid unnecessary exposure
- Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate
- Reduce exposure to smoky air by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed, if possible
- Go to www.baaqmd.gov to check real-time air quality

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Elevated particulate matter in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer from asthma. Elderly persons, children and individuals with respiratory illnesses are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

The Air District will continue to monitor smoke impacts and issue additional advisories as conditions warrant.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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