



SMOKE ADVISORY

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Valley Fire smoke likely to impact the North Bay this weekend

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is advising Bay Area residents that smoke from the Valley Fire may impact the region this weekend.

Northerly winds are expected to prevail throughout the weekend. Current weather patterns could move smoke from the fire into much of the North Bay.

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

- Limit outdoor activities to avoid unnecessary exposure if the air smells of smoke
- 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

Along with fixed air quality monitors throughout the region, the Air District has worked with local authorities and area fire fighters to install two temporary mobile air quality monitors in northern Napa is available at: http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=topics.smoke_wildfires.

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

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 conditions are particularly susceptible to elevated air pollution levels and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure to smoke.

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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