

SMOKE ADVISORY

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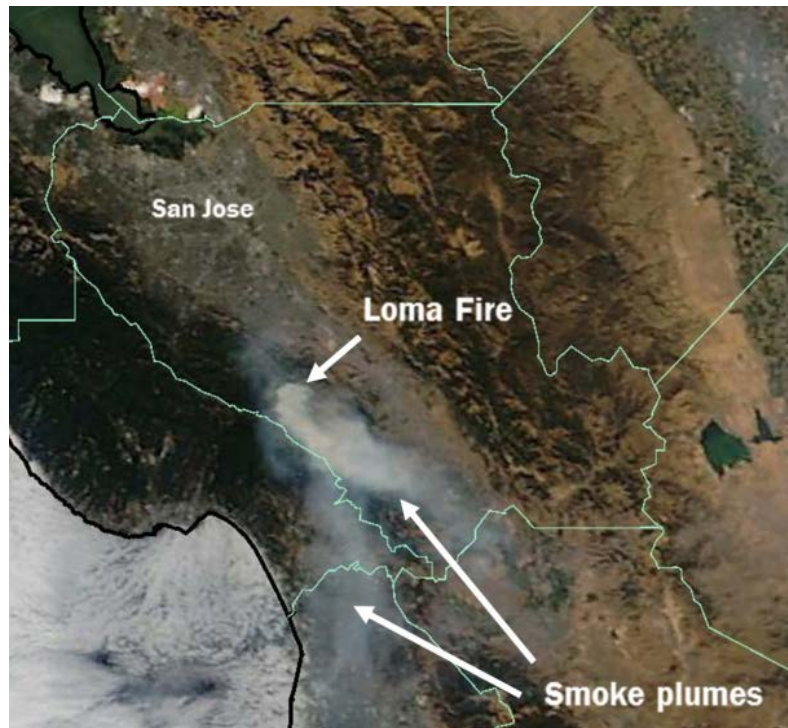
South Bay experiencing smoke impacts from Loma Fire

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is advising Bay Area residents of smoke from the Loma Fire that may be impacting Santa Clara County.

Light winds blowing south-easterly have transported smoke from the fire into southern Santa Clara County, creating localized impacts.

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

- Limit outdoor activities to avoid unnecessary exposure if you smell smoke
- Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside
- Reduce exposure to smoky air by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed, if possible
- Stay tuned to local media for changes in smoke or weather conditions



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, emphysema, or COPD. 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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