



SMOKE ADVISORY

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Bay Area experiencing smoke impacts from Northern California wildfires

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is advising Bay Area residents of smoke from Northern California wildfires that is blowing into the nine-county region today.

Smoke impacts can be seen throughout the North and East Bay areas and residents have been reporting the smell of smoke.

Smoke from the Nevada and Butte county wildfires is moving into the Bay Area. Additionally, smoke from northern California and Oregon fires is coming down the coast and moving into the Bay Area through the Golden Gate.

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

- 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
- If you cannot keep windows and doors closed due to high temperatures, seek out cooling centers in your area
- 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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