



## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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### **Air quality advisory for smoke issued for the Bay Area through Tuesday**

*Upper level smoke from wildfires may impact visibility in northern and eastern parts of the region*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for potential smoke in parts of the region later in the day on Sunday afternoon through Tuesday, September 9, 10 and 11.

The northern and eastern counties in the Bay Area may experience hazy air quality conditions due to smoke from wildfires occurring in northern California and southern Oregon. Northerly winds are expected to blow smoke from northern wildfires into the upper atmosphere in the Bay Area later this afternoon with the potential of smoke lingering through Tuesday.

Because the smoke is expected to remain aloft, it is not expected to impact air quality or public health at ground level. Smoke will cause visibly hazy skies in Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Concord and eastern Alameda counties. The region is not forecasting an exceedance of the federal air quality standards and is not issuing a Spare the Air alert. Although smoke may be visible in the sky for the next few days, it is not forecast to impact air quality at ground level or mountain elevations throughout the Bay Area.

If the smell of smoke is present, it is important that Bay Area residents protect their health by avoiding exposure. If possible, stay inside with windows and doors closed until smoke levels subside. Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate to prevent outside air from moving inside. Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a dry 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.

Check here for real-time air quality readings: <https://go.usa.gov/xUwyz>.

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