



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Air District issues Spare the Air alert for today** *Expected improvements in air quality fail to materialize*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing a Spare the Air Alert for **today, Wednesday June 12.**

Weather conditions that were forecast to bring improved air quality to the Bay Area have failed to come to pass as of this morning. Increased ocean breezes and a more prominent fog layer have not shown up to bring relief from high temperatures and elevated ozone concentrations. As a consequence, the Air District is calling a *same-day* Spare the Air Alert for Wednesday, June 12. Light winds will continue to combine with high temperatures and exhaust from motor vehicles and cause unhealthy ozone accumulation in the Bay Area. There is no free transit and there is no wood burning ban in place.

“Yesterday we forecast some improvement in air quality conditions, unfortunately, our meteorologist’s believe weather conditions have not improved enough which is why we need to make this same day Spare the Air Alert call,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Bay Area residents should safeguard their health by limiting strenuous outdoor activities and reduce driving to minimize their contribution to poor air quality.”

Spare the Air Alerts are issued when ozone pollution is forecast to reach unhealthy levels. Ozone, can cause throat irritation, congestion, chest pain, trigger asthma, inflame the lining of the lungs and worsen bronchitis and emphysema. Long-term exposure to ozone can reduce lung function. Ozone pollution is particularly harmful for young children, seniors and those with respiratory and heart conditions. When a Spare the Air Alert is issued, outdoor exercise should be done only in the early morning hours when ozone concentrations are lower.

Find out more about what the Air District is doing to address climate change in the nine-county Bay Area. Spare the Air-Cool the Climate is a blueprint for tackling regional air pollution and climate pollutants while improving the health of Bay Area residents for the next several decades. Check out this video about our bold vision to combat climate change at <https://youtu.be/p9Bxh1rlqrl>.

To find out when a Spare the Air Alert is in effect, residents can register for email AirAlerts at [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org), call 1(800) HELP-AIR, download the Spare the Air App or connect with Spare the Air on Facebook or Twitter.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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