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Air District issues third consecutive Spare the Air Alert & extends air quality advisory for smoke

Smog and possible wildfire smoke impacts throughout region

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing the fifteenth Spare the Air Alert for smog for Saturday, September 14, 2019, and expanding an air quality advisory for potential smoke impacts from wildfires in Northern California through Saturday.

Air quality is forecast to be unhealthy **again tomorrow, Saturday, September 14**. Light winds and high temperatures, in combination with motor vehicle exhaust, will continue to cause elevated concentrations of ozone, or smog. The region may also be impacted by smoke, mostly at higher elevations, from the Walker Fire in Plumas County and other Northern California wildfires. While air quality is expected to exceed federal standards for ozone, the wildfire smoke in the region is not expected to exceed the federal standard for fine particulates.

“As you make weekend plans, consider leaving your car at home and taking transit or carpooling instead,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “In the Bay Area, the best thing we can do to reduce harmful air pollution and greenhouse gases is to drive less.”

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, 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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