

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air District lifts Spare the Air Alert

Air Quality Advisory issued for areas near the Glass Fire

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has lifted the Spare the Air Alert that was in place through Tuesday and is instead issuing an air quality advisory through Tuesday, October 13, due to possible localized smoke impacts near the Glass Fire.

The Spare the Air Alert has been lifted and is not in effect Monday or Tuesday. Increased containment of the Glass Fire has resulted in less smoke generated by the fire. While onshore winds will continue to blow smoke out of much the Bay Area, localized impacts near the Glass Fire are possible. Air quality is expected to be in the good to moderate range and is not expected to exceed the national 24-hour health standard through Tuesday. The Air District will be closely monitoring air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from the fires.

If smoke reaches unhealthy levels, 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, if temperatures allow. If temperatures are too hot indoors, visit a building that provides filtered air. It is also recommended that those impacted by smoke set their 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 air quality readings: <u>https://bit.ly/2p7UFgs</u>.

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