



BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air quality advisory for wildfire smoke through Friday

Air quality forecast good to moderate but smoke impacts are possible

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for Thursday, September 17 through Friday, September 18, due to possible smoke impacts from wildfires. **There is no Spare the Air Alert in effect Thursday or Friday and air quality is not expected to be unhealthy.**

Onshore winds helped push smoke out of the region Wednesday, although residual smoke is still aloft and may cause smoky, hazy skies. **Air quality is expected to be in the good to moderate range and is not expected to exceed the national 24-hour health standard.** The Air District will be closely monitoring air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from the fires.

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, if temperatures allow. 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: <https://bit.ly/2p7UFgs>.

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