

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Air District issues air quality advisory for Wednesday

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing an air quality advisory for wildfire smoke for Wednesday, September 22. A Spare the Air Alert remains in effect for today, September 21.

Smoke from fires across Southern California is expected to continue to impact the Bay Area on Wednesday, September 22, with smoky and hazy skies. Pollution levels are not expected to exceed federal health standards **and no Spare the Air Alert is in effect for Wednesday**. The Air District will closely monitor air quality throughout the region for smoke impacts from wildfires.

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 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: baaqmd.gov/highs.

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