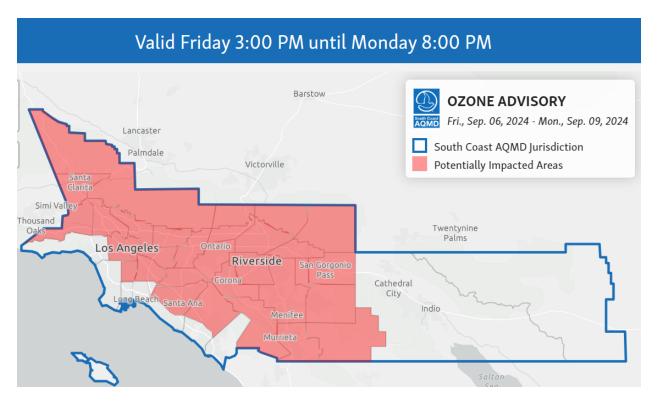


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# South Coast AQMD Extends Ozone Advisory Due to Persistent Heat Wave

Valid Friday 3:00 PM until Monday 8:00 PM



To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u>.

## **Current Conditions**

- A multi-day extreme ozone (smog) event continues to affect the region, due to the ongoing heatwave
- Ozone concentrations reached the Very Unhealthy Air Quality Index(AQI) category in Glendora on Thursday

• Several areas reached the Unhealthy AQI category including Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Pomona, and Riverside

## **Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- The National Weather Service has issued Excessive Heat Warnings. Visit <u>https://www.weather.gov/sgx/</u> and <u>https://www.weather.gov/lox/</u> for more information.
- Air Quality Index (AQI) will likely reach **Very Unhealthy** levels in inland parts of the South Coast Air Basin including Glendora.
- AQI will likely reach **Unhealthy** or higher in Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Pomona, Riverside, and surrounding areas from Friday through Monday.
- Ozone levels are expected to be lower in coastal areas.
- South Coast AQMD will issue an update if extreme ozone levels are expected to continue beyond Monday.
- Smoke from local wildfires may increase both ozone and particulate matter (PM2.5) concentrations. Visit <u>https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-advisories</u> for smoke advisory information.

## **Detailed Forecast**

Daytime	Each day, AQI levels will increase after sunrise, peak in the mid- afternoon, and then decrease. AQI is predicted to reach the <b>Unhealthy</b> category or higher in large portions of the region.
Early morning and overnight	AQI is predicted to be in the <b>Good</b> to <b>Moderate</b> categories overnight and in the early morning hours each day.

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

## During periods of poor air quality due to ozone pollution:

- Check air quality levels and limit outdoor activities as necessary. See <u>health recommendations</u> for each AQI level.
- Limit the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment until evening hours.
- Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature.
- Try to delay trips to the gas station and the use of household chemicals until the evening.

For more information, see the <u>EPA Guide for Ozone Pollution</u> (PDF).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning app, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u> (formerly known as Twitter) and <u>Instagram</u>.