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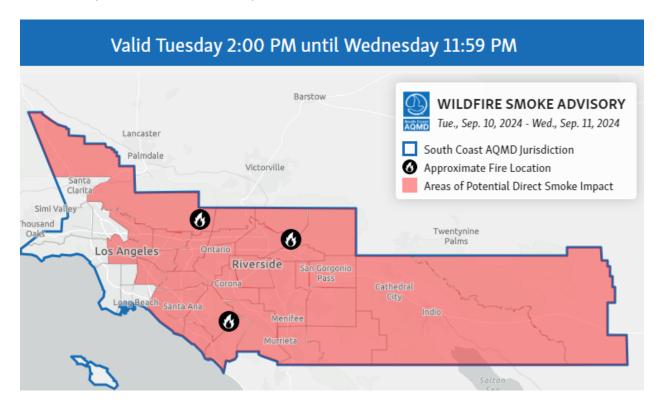
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Smoke Advisory Extended due to Multiple Fires in Orange County, San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains

Valid Tuesday 2:00 PM until Wednesday 11:59 PM



Current Conditions

• The Line Fire is burning between Highland, Running Springs, and Angelus Oaks. As of noon on Tuesday, the fire has burned 26,510 acres and is 5% contained. For more information about the Line Fire, visit the CalFire incident page at https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/5/line-fire/.

- The Airport Fire is burning in the Santa Ana Mountains near Trabuco Canyon. As of noon on Tuesday, the fire has burned 9,333 acres and is 0% contained. For more information about the Airport Fire visit Watch Duty at https://app.watchduty.org/i/33801.
- The Bridge Fire is burning in the San Gabriel Mountains near San Gabriel Canyon. As of noon on Tuesday, the fire has burned 4,177 acres and is 0% contained. For more information about the Bridge Fire visit the InciWeb page at https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire.
- Regulatory monitors including Big Bear, Fontana, Mira Loma, Ontario, Riverside, Anaheim,
 Crestline, Lake Elsinore, Glendora, and Banning measured PM2.5 levels in the **Unhealthy** and
 higher AQI categories during Monday and early Tuesday while most other monitors reached at
 least **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI category.
- Based on satellite and webcam imagery, widespread smoke is over San Bernardino, Riverside,
 Orange, and Los Angeles Counties.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued Red Flag Warnings related to fire weather as well as Excessive Heat Warnings. See https://www.weather.gov/sgx/ for details.
- For information about smoke impacts in San Diego County, visit the website for San Diego County Air Pollution Control District at https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/air-quality/smoke-advisory.html.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD</u> app or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u> to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

- Smoke from the Line, Airport, and Bridge fires is expected to cause PM2.5 levels to reach the
 Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Hazardous AQI categories at times on Tuesday and
 Wednesday in San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties. The worst impacts
 will be near and east of each fire. The least impacts will be along the coast in Los Angeles
 County.
- Smoke impacts in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley will likely continue until fire
 activity decreases. South Coast Air Quality Management District will continue to provide daily
 smoke advisory updates until air quality impacts from smoke subside.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday	Areas that are near or east of the fires including Rancho Cucamonga, Yucaipa, Big Bear, Rancho Santa Margarita, Hemet, and Coachella Valley are expected to have Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups to Hazardous AQI levels. Air quality is expected to improve in areas of Los Angeles and Orange Counties that are further away from the fires including City of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Anaheim as the winds shift eastward. Smoke impacts are also expected to lessen in the Inland Empire.
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Tuesday night and Wednesday early morning	Areas near and east of each fire will be the most impacted by smoke including Rancho Santa Margarita, Hemet, Rancho Cucamonga, and Big Bear Lake. These areas may reach Unhealthy to Hazardous AQI categories. Smoke impacts are expected to be minimal in coastal areas, northern Orange County, City of Los Angeles, and surrounding areas.
Wednesday	Smoke impacts are expected to be largest near each fire, in the Santa Ana, San Gabriel, and San Bernardino Mountains, and surrounding areas where PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy to Hazardous AQI categories. Smoke impacts are also expected in the Inland Empire, eastern Los Angeles County, and southern Orange County where PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories. PM2.5 levels will depend on fire activity.

If you are in an area impacted by smoke:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.
- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do **not** use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Avoid burning wood in your fireplace or firepit and minimize sources of indoor air pollution such as candles, incense, pan-frying, and grilling.
- If you must be outside, a properly fit N95 or P100 respirator may provide some protection.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety.

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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram.