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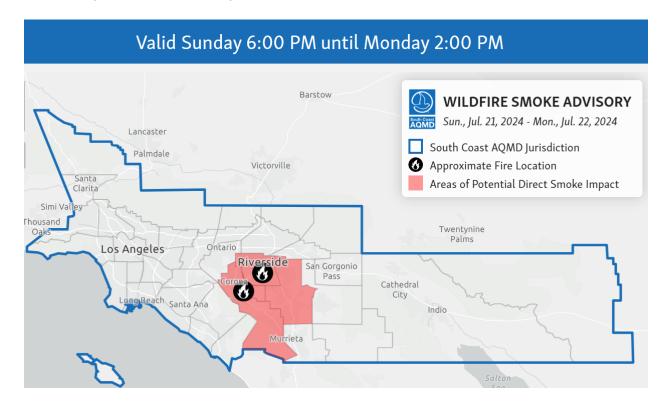
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# South Coast AQMD issues Smoke Advisory due to Eagle Fire and Hawarden Fire

Valid Sunday 6:00 PM until Monday 2:00 PM



## **Current Conditions**

- The Eagle Fire is burning at Cajalco Road and Eagle Canyon Road, east of Corona and the Hawarden Fire is burning in 6500 block of Hawarden Dr
- As of 5:00 PM on Friday the Eagle Fire has burned 500 acres with 0% contained and the Hawarden Fire has burned 500 acres with 0% contained
- For additional information about the Eagle Fire, visit the <u>watch Duty Page</u> and for information about the Hawarden Fire, visit the <u>watch Duty Page</u>

- Based on the live camera footage and satellite image, smoke from the fires is being blown southeast on Sunday evening
- At 5:30 pm Sunday, consumer grade sensors near the fires read particle pollution levels in the **Moderate** to **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index categories
- Smoke impacts will depend on fire growth and fire suppression efforts

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp">https://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp</a> or visit <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/AQImap">www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</a> to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

## **Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts**

- Smoke from the Eagle Fire and Hawarden Fire will cause elevated PM2.5 levels in parts of the Riverside County
- Air Quality Index (AQI) may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in areas impacted by smoke
- Air quality may be worse in areas immediately adjacent to the fire

## **Detailed Forecast**

Sunday afternoon	Winds will push smoke from the Eagle Fire and Hawarden Fire to the southeast.  AQI may reach <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher in areas impacted by smoke
Sunday night	Smoke impacts will be more pronounced at night in areas close to the fire as smoke is likely to remain closer to the ground. AQI may reach <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher in areas impacted by smoke
Monday morning	Smoke impacts will be heavily dependent on the progress of fire containment efforts. Winds will push smoke from the Eagle Fire and Hawarden Fire to the east and southeast. AQI may again reach <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher in areas impacted by smoke

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

## 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.agmd.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

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