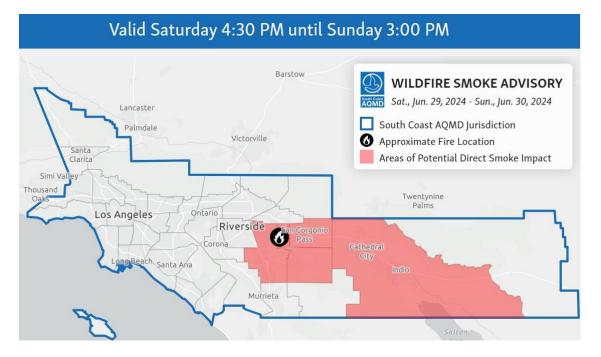


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South Coast AQMD Issues a Smoke Advisory for parts of Riverside County due to Round Fire

Valid until Sunday 3:00 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

- The Round Fire is burning east of Moreno Valley
- As of 4:30 PM on Saturday the fire has burned 300 acres and is 5% contained

- For additional information about the Round Fire visit the <u>CalFire Incident Page</u>
- Based on satellite imagery and cameras, smoke from the fire is being blown northeast towards Beaumont and Banning on Saturday afternoon

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMDapp</u> 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 Round Fire will cause elevated PM2.5 levels in parts of Riverside County including Beaumont, Banning, Perris, San Jacinto, Hemet, and Palm Springs
- Air Quality Index (AQI) may reach Unhealthy or higher in areas impacted by smoke
- Air quality may be worse in areas immediately adjacent to the fire

Saturday afternoon	Winds will push smoke from the Round Fire to the northeast towards Beaumont and Banning. AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher in areas impacted by smoke.
Saturday night	Winds will push smoke to the south towards Perris, San Jacinto, and Hemet. PM2.5 levels are predicted to be highest in the evening and overnight. AQI will be variable at times as winds shift. AQI may reach Unhealthy or higher in areas impacted by smoke.
Sunday morning and early afternoon	Winds will again push smoke from the Round Fire to the east towards Beaumont, Banning, and parts of the Coachella Valley including Palm Springs. AQI may again reach Unhealthy or higher in areas impacted by smoke.

Detailed Forecast

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

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- 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 <u>www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety</u>.

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>.

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