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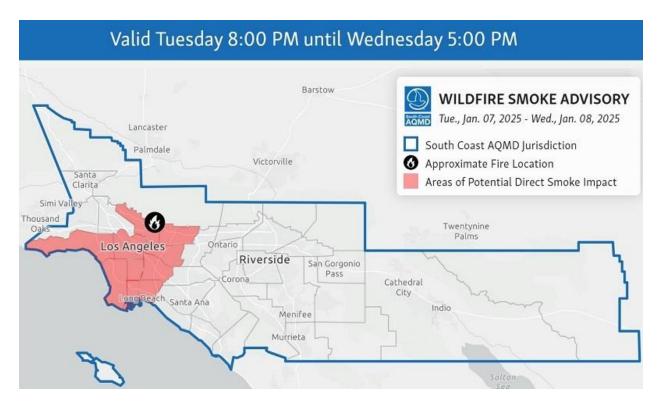
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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to the Eaton Fire

Valid Tuesday 8:00 PM until Wednesday 5:00 PM



Current Conditions

- The Eaton Fire is burning in the Angeles National Forest near Altadena. As of 8:30 PM Tuesday, the fire has burned 400 acres. More information about the Eaton Fire is available at https://share.watchduty.org/i/40388?ts=1736307254000.
- Based on webcam imagery, the Fire is actively producing smoke on Tuesday evening, with northeasterly winds pushing smoke to the southwest towards Pasadena.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD</u> <u>app</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 Eaton Fire is expected to most heavily impact the western San Gabriel Valley on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) category or higher in Altadena, Pasadena, and surrounding areas.
- AQI due to PM2.5 may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher category in Downtown Los Angeles and central and southwest Los Angeles County on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.
- Gusty Santa Ana winds are contributing to rapid wildfire growth in the South Coast Air Basin on Tuesday. Smoke impacts will depend on fire activity and containment efforts.
- Santa Ana winds are also contributing to high levels of windblown dust, with PM10 in the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI category possible through Wednesday afternoon in most of the South Coast Air Basin. Visit http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory for more information on the windblown dust.

Detailed Forecast

Tuesday night	Northeasterly Santa Ana Winds will push smoke from the fire to the southwest towards Altadena and Pasadena. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Altadena, Pasadena, and other parts of western San Gabriel Valley. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category in central and southwest Los Angeles County. The highest AQI levels will occur in Altadena and other areas close to the fire.
Wednesday morning and afternoon	Winds will continue to push smoke to the southwest. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may continue to reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Altadena, Pasadena, and other parts of western San Gabriel Valley. PM2.5 levels may continue to reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category in central and southwest Los Angeles County. The highest AQI levels will occur in Altadena and other areas close to the fire.

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.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.