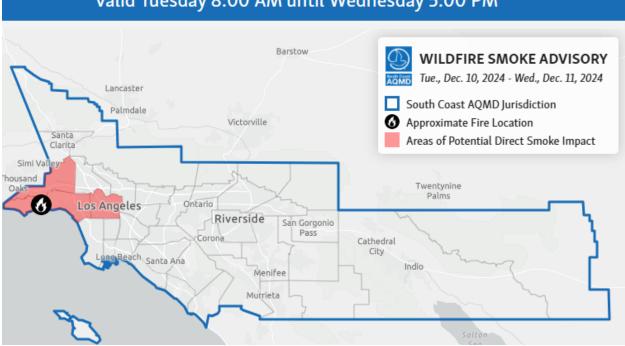


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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Northwest Los Angeles County Due to the Franklin Fire

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



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Current Conditions

- The Franklin Fire is burning in Malibu Creek State Park. As of 8 AM Tuesday, the fire has burned 2,200 acres. For more information about the Franklin Fire, visit https://app.watchduty.org/i/39411.
- Based on webcam imagery, the Fire is actively producing smoke on Tuesday morning, with • northeasterly winds pushing smoke to the southwest towards Malibu.
- Between 2 AM and 8 AM Tuesday, low cost sensors in Malibu measured PM2.5 levels due to • smoke in the **Unhealthy** to **Hazardous** Air Quality Index (AQI) category.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the <u>South Coast AQMD 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 Franklin Fire is expected to most heavily impact Northwest coastal Los Angeles County including Malibu and areas near the fire on Tuesday and through Wednesday morning. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the **Unhealthy** AQI category or higher in these areas, with the highest AQI levels expected immediately adjacent to the fire.
- Some smoke impacts may occur in parts of the San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, Downtown Los Angeles, and nearby areas on Wednesday afternoon as winds shift to come from the southwest. These areas may reach the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** AQI category or higher.
- Smoke impacts will depend on fire activity and containment efforts.

Tuesday morning and afternoon	Northeasterly Santa Ana Winds will push smoke from the fire to the southwest towards Malibu and the Pacific Ocean. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Malibu and parts of Northwest coastal Los Angeles County, with the highest AQI levels in areas immediately adjacent to the fire.
Tuesday night and Wednesday morning	Winds will continue to push smoke towards the southwest. PM2.5 levels due to smoke may continue to reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Malibu and parts of Northwest coastal Los Angeles County, with the highest AQI levels in areas immediately adjacent to the fire.
Wednesday afternoon	Winds will shift to the southwest on Wednesday afternoon. Depending on fire activity, winds may push smoke to the northeast and east towards the Santa Monica Mountains, the western San Fernando Valley including Calabasas and Agoura Hills, and Santa Monica and Downtown Los Angeles. PM2.5 levels may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI category or higher in these areas. PM2.5 levels may continue to reach the Unhealthy AQI category or higher in Malibu and parts of Northwest coastal Los Angeles County with the highest AQI levels immediately adjacent to the fire.

Detailed Forecast

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 <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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