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South Coast AQMD Issues Ozone Advisory Due to Heat Wave

Valid Friday 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday 7:00 p.m.



To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u>.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- A multi-day extreme ozone (smog) event is expected due to the heat wave affecting the region.
- The National Weather Service has issued Heat Advisories and Excessive Heat Watches, see https://www.weather.gov/sgx/ and https://www.weather.gov/lox/

- AQI will likely reach the **Unhealthy** or higher level in inland areas of the South Coast Air Basin and in the Coachella Valley at times Friday though Tuesday and possibly beyond.
- Ozone levels are expected to be lower in coastal areas.

Detailed Forecast

Daytime	AQI levels will increase after sunrise, peak in the mid-afternoon, and then decrease. AQI is predicted to reach the Unhealthy category in large portions of the region with localized areas reaching the Very Unhealthy category.
Early morning and overnight	AQI is predicted to be in the Good to Moderate categories overnight and in the early morning hours each day.

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

During periods of poor air quality due to ozone pollution:

- Check air quality levels and limit outdoor activities as necessary. See <u>health recommendations</u> for each AQI level.
- Limit the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment until evening hours.
- Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature.
- Try to delay trips to the gas station and the use of household chemicals until the evening.

For more information, see the EPA Guide for Ozone Pollution (PDF).

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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