



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SMOKE ADVISORY

This advisory is in effect through Thursday morning. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the La Tuna Fire, is burning in Los Angeles County, near the Verdugo Mountains near the 210 Freeway – near Sunland, Tujunga, and La Crescenta. The burn area is reported to be over 7,194 acres, with 80 percent containment. Winds in the area are expected to be mainly from the south and southwest today, bringing smoke and ash into the communities near the fire and into the mountains. Overnight, the wind flows will come from the northeast and east, potentially bringing some smoke into portions of the East San Fernando Valley, including Burbank. Smoke production is currently low. However, air quality may reach the **Unhealthy For Sensitive Groups** level or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Depending on fire conditions, areas of direct smoke impacts may include portions of:

- the West San Gabriel Valley (Forecast Area 8);
- the East San Fernando Valley (Forecast Area 7);
- the San Gabriel Mountains (Forecast Area 15).

In any area impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:
<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to
<http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see
<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

For a map of SCAQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>

The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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