



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## NEWS

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### **WINDBLOWN DUST & ASH ADVISORY**

*This advisory is in effect today through Friday morning, Dec. 8. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

Gusty Santa Ana winds have occurred overnight and this morning in Southern California and are causing some areas of windblown dust, as well as windblown ash from the recent brush fires. Moderately strong offshore winds from the northeast and east are predicted at times today, especially in the mountains and through and below passes and canyons. The winds are expected to continue through Friday. Windblown ash will likely occur downwind of the burn areas, especially near Burbank and northeastern Orange County.

Areas of elevated PM10 particulate matter, due to windblown dust and ash, are likely to occur at times throughout the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley, with some areas potentially reaching the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups level at times.

**In areas where windblown dust and ash are occurring:** Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, pregnant women, 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 particulates inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional particulates inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of particulate matter, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

*All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.*

- 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 information on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD's Wildfire Smoke & Ash Health & Safety Tips page at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>

*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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