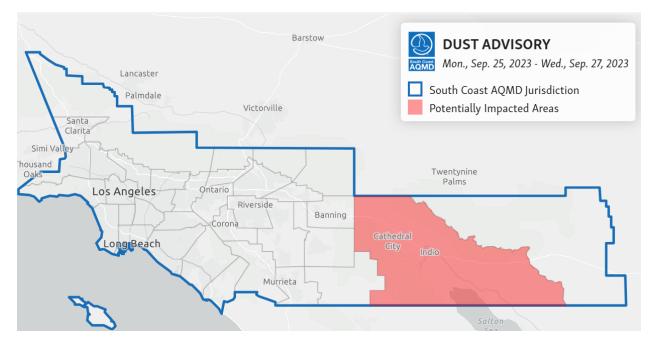


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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid Monday 6:00 PM until Wednesday 8:00 AM



## **Forecasted Air Quality Impacts**

- PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect through 8 AM Wednesday due to forecasted gusty winds in the Coachella Valley
- High winds can lift dust and soil and lead to poor air quality
- Blowing dust may result in Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that are Unhealthy or worse
- Air quality can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions.
- The highest PM10 levels are expected in the overnight hours when winds are predicted to be strongest.
- Recent dust events in the Coachella Valley have been difficult to predict. Elevated PM10 levels
  are resulting from much lower windspeeds than in the past. The public is encouraged to pay
  close attention to the current conditions reported on the <u>South Coast AQMD App</u> and on
  www.aqmd.gov/aqimap

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

## If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- 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.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the EPA Guide for Particle 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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