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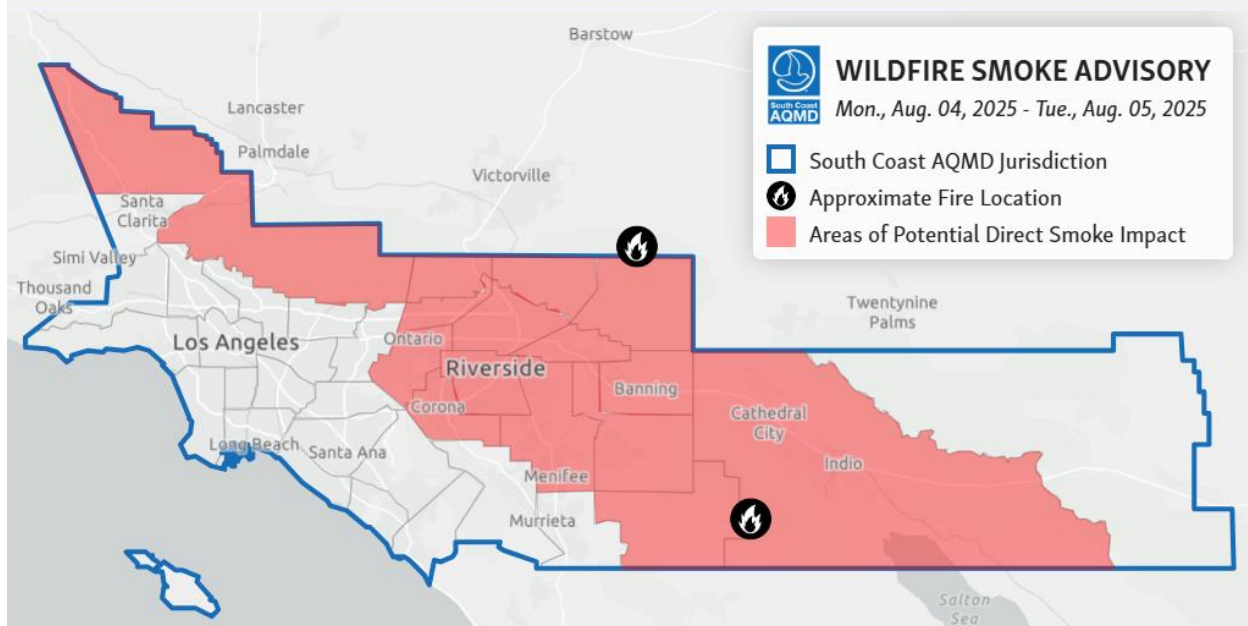
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South Coast AQMD Issues Smoke Advisory Due to Gifford, Rosa, and Gold Fire

Valid until Tuesday 11:59 PM

Valid Monday 4:00 PM until Tuesday 11:59 PM



Current Conditions

Three wildfires are burning in and near the South Coast Air Basin. Fire information as of 4:00 PM Monday:

Gifford Fire (In the Los Padres National Forest):

- 72459 acres burned and 3% containment

- More information: <https://share.watchduty.org/i/58187?ts=1754347418000>

Rosa Fire (Near Santa Rosa Mountains):

- 1200 acres burned and unknown containment
- More information: <https://share.watchduty.org/i/58778?ts=1754346966000>

Gold Fire (In the San Bernardino National Forest North of Big Bear Lake):

- 348 acres burned and 0% containment
- More information: <https://share.watchduty.org/i/58746?ts=1754342422000>

Smoke from the Gifford Fire is aloft high in the air, with limited smoke impacts near the ground. Particle pollution levels were in the **Good** to **Moderate** air quality index (AQI) categories on Monday in most areas. AQI reached **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** at times in high elevation areas in the Angeles National Forest, San Bernardino Mountains near Crestline, and San Jacinto Mountains. The high altitude smoke particles also scatter sunlight, creating the reddish appearance of the sun and sky.

Conditions may change quickly due to fire activity and weather. Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap to view current air quality in your neighborhood.

Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

Smoke from the fires is predicted to cause particle pollution levels in the **Moderate** to **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI categories at times from Monday evening through Tuesday afternoon in parts of the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI is expected at times at high elevations in the San Bernardino mountains near Crestline, the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel Mountains, and Mount San Jacinto.

AQI will be lower but may reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** at times in parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties including the Coachella Valley, the Banning Pass, Redlands, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario, Corona, Moreno Valley, Hemet, the Santa Rosa Reservation, and surrounding areas.

Detailed Forecast

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| Monday night | AQI is expected to decrease over night as smoke Gifford Fire will remain high above the ground in South Coast Air Basin. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups in parts of Coachella Valley and near the Santa Rosa Reservation. Good to Moderate AQI due to particle pollution is expected in other areas. |
| Tuesday morning and afternoon | AQI is expected to increase as smoke is mixed down to the ground. The advisory areas may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI at times. |

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| Tuesday night | Winds will again cause smoke from Gifford fire to remain high above the ground. AQI may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category or higher in parts of Coachella Valley and near the Santa Rosa Reservation. Good to Moderate AQI due to particle pollution is expected in other areas. |
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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, 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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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