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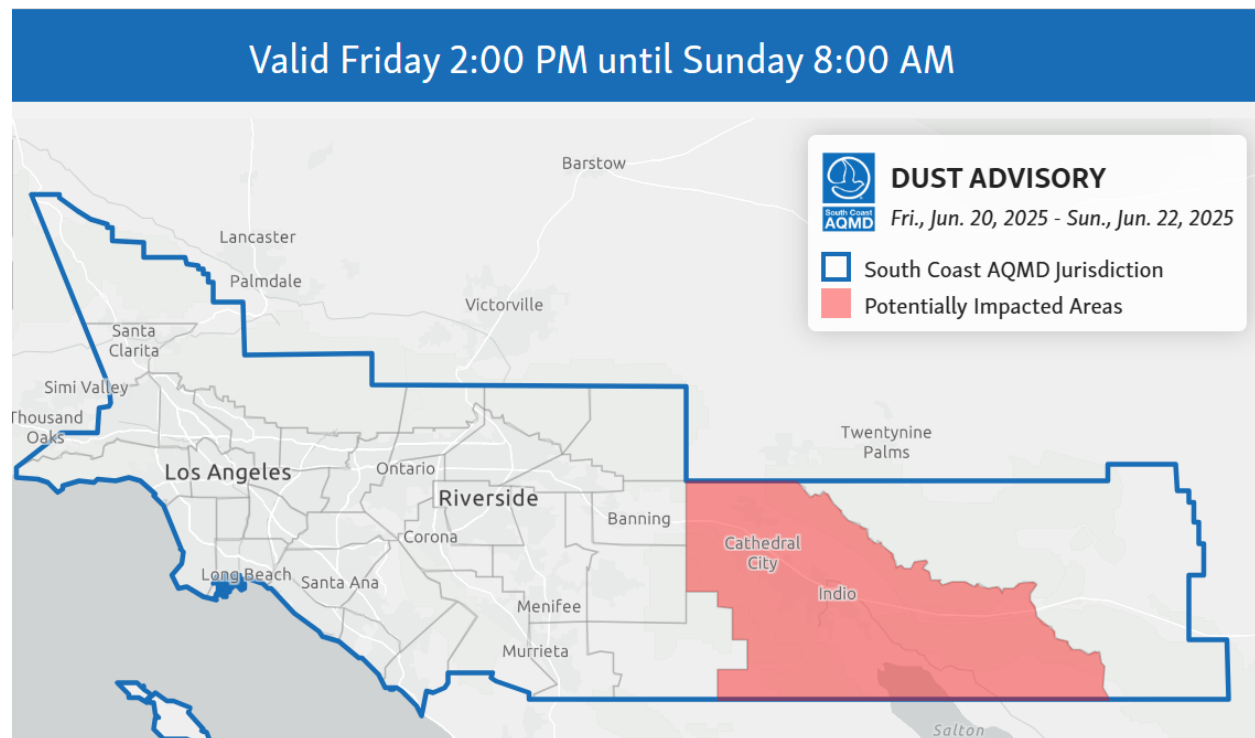
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Sunday 8:00 AM



Current Conditions

- South Coast AQMD is issuing a windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley through Sunday morning.
- Gusty winds have led to elevated levels of windblown dust and particle pollution (PM10) from Thursday evening through Friday morning.

- Air Quality Index (AQI) in the Coachella Valley ranged from **Moderate** to **Hazardous** during this period, with the highest AQI in Northern Cathedral City.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Winds from the west with gusts up to 60 mph are predicted in the northwestern Coachella Valley below Banning Pass at times through Sunday morning.
- Blowing dust may result in **Hazardous** AQI categories in the Coachella Valley at times from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning, with the highest AQI expected in the northwestern part of the valley.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions.

Detailed Forecast

2 PM Friday through 9 AM Saturday	AQI is predicted to range from Moderate to Unhealthy or higher at times, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. Wind gusts and PM10 levels are predicted to peak around 9 PM Friday.
Saturday morning	As winds decrease during the day on Saturday, AQI due to PM10 will be in the Good to Moderate categories between 9 AM to 1 PM.
Saturday afternoon through Sunday 8 AM	Winds are predicted to increase starting 1 PM Saturday. AQI due to PM10 will be in the Moderate to Hazardous categories, with the highest AQI in northwestern Coachella Valley. PM10 levels are predicted to subside after midnight.

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

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

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