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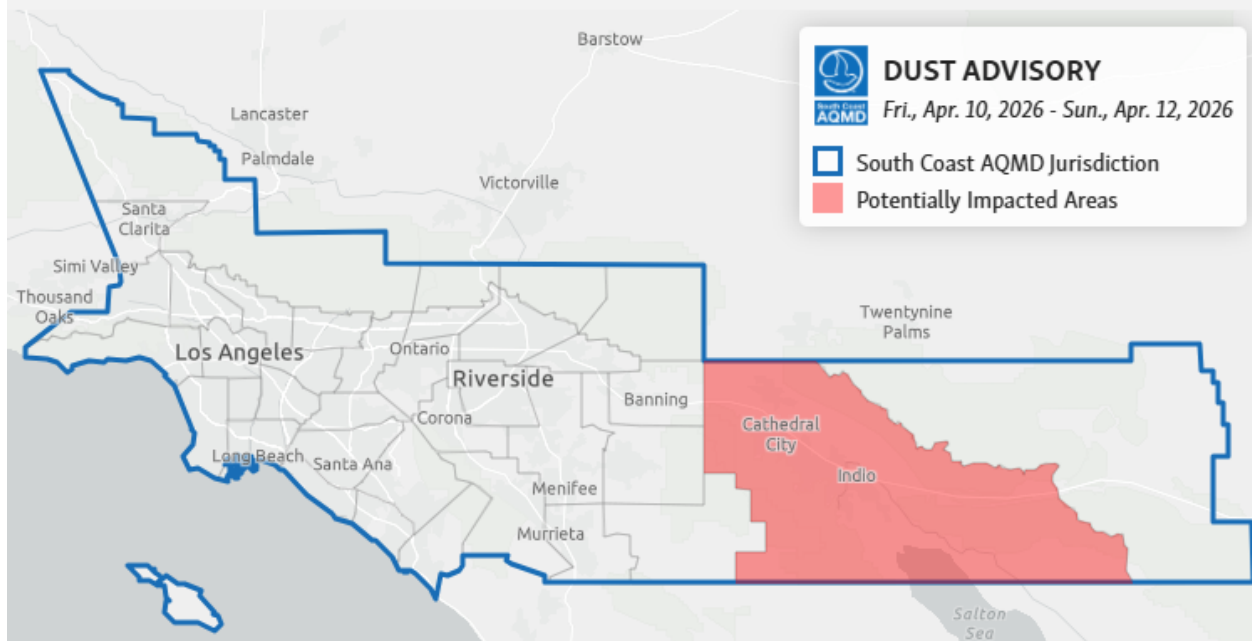
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South Coast AQMD Extends Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid through Sunday 5:00 AM

Valid Friday 12:00 PM until Sunday 5:00 AM



Current Conditions

- South Coast AQMD is extending a windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley due to predicted particle pollution (PM10) in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories at times through Sunday morning
- Recent measured PM10 levels:

- Northern Cathedral City: **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** category at times Thursday night, and **Good to Moderate** at other times
- Indio and Mecca: **Good to Moderate** since noon Thursday

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

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Windblown dust and high particle pollution (PM10) in the **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI categories are expected at times from 4 PM Friday through Sunday morning in the Coachella Valley
- The northwest Coachella Valley will see the highest impacts. **Unhealthy** or higher AQI is expected at times.
- Windblown dust is due to high winds with gusts up to 50 mph expected Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning throughout the Coachella Valley
- If attending outdoor events, limit exposure to PM10 by reducing long or intense outdoor activities and taking more breaks when AQI or dust levels are high.

Detailed Forecast

Friday night	4 PM Friday through 5 AM Saturday: Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI expected at times throughout the Coachella Valley and Unhealthy or higher in Northern Cathedral City.
Saturday daytime	Winds will decrease 6 AM Saturday. Good to Moderate AQI is expected.
Saturday night	The highest wind speeds are predicted overnight Saturday. From 4 PM Saturday through 5 AM Sunday Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI is expected at times throughout the Coachella Valley and Unhealthy or higher in Northern Cathedral City.

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

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust:

- 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 www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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