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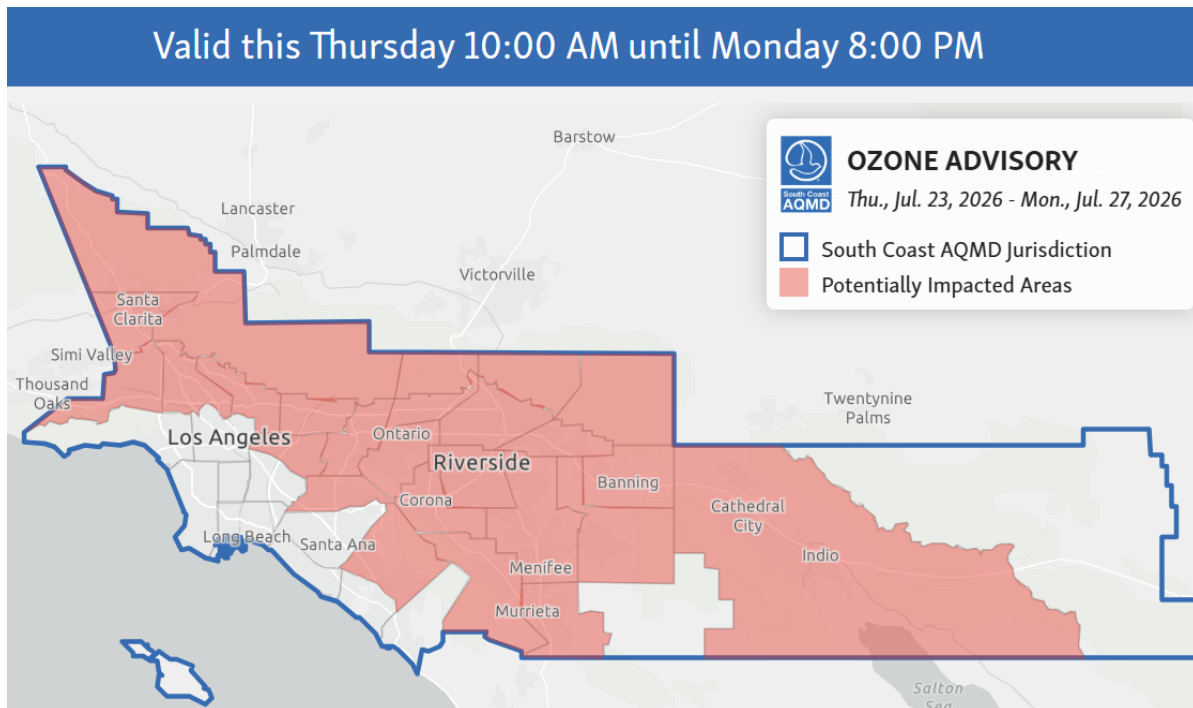
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South Coast AQMD Issues Ozone Advisory Due to Heat Wave

Valid this Thursday 10:00 a.m. until Monday 8:00 p.m.



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

Current Conditions

- A multi-day high ozone (smog) event is expected to affect the region due to the onset of a heatwave.

- Ozone concentrations reached the **Unhealthy** Air Quality Index (AQI) category in Crestline on Tuesday.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- The National Weather Service has issued Heat Advisories and Extreme Heat Warnings. Visit <https://www.weather.gov/sgx/> and <https://www.weather.gov/lox/> for more information.
- Air Quality Index (AQI) will likely reach **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher levels each day through Monday evening in the Coachella Valley and in interior parts of the South Coast Air Basin including the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, and Lake Elsinore.
- AQI will likely reach **Unhealthy** or higher in Glendora, the Santa Clarita Valley and the Inland Empire through Monday.
- Ozone levels are expected to be lower in coastal areas.

Detailed Forecast

Daytime	Each day, AQI levels will increase after sunrise, peak in the mid-afternoon, and then decrease. AQI is predicted to reach the Unhealthy category or higher in large portions of the region.
Early morning and overnight	AQI is predicted to be in the Good to Moderate categories overnight and in the early morning hours each day in large portions of the region.

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

During periods of poor air quality due to ozone pollution:

- Check air quality levels and limit outdoor activities as necessary. See [health recommendations for each AQI level](#).
- Limit the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment until evening hours.
- Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature.
- Try to delay trips to the gas station and the use of household chemicals until the evening.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Ozone 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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