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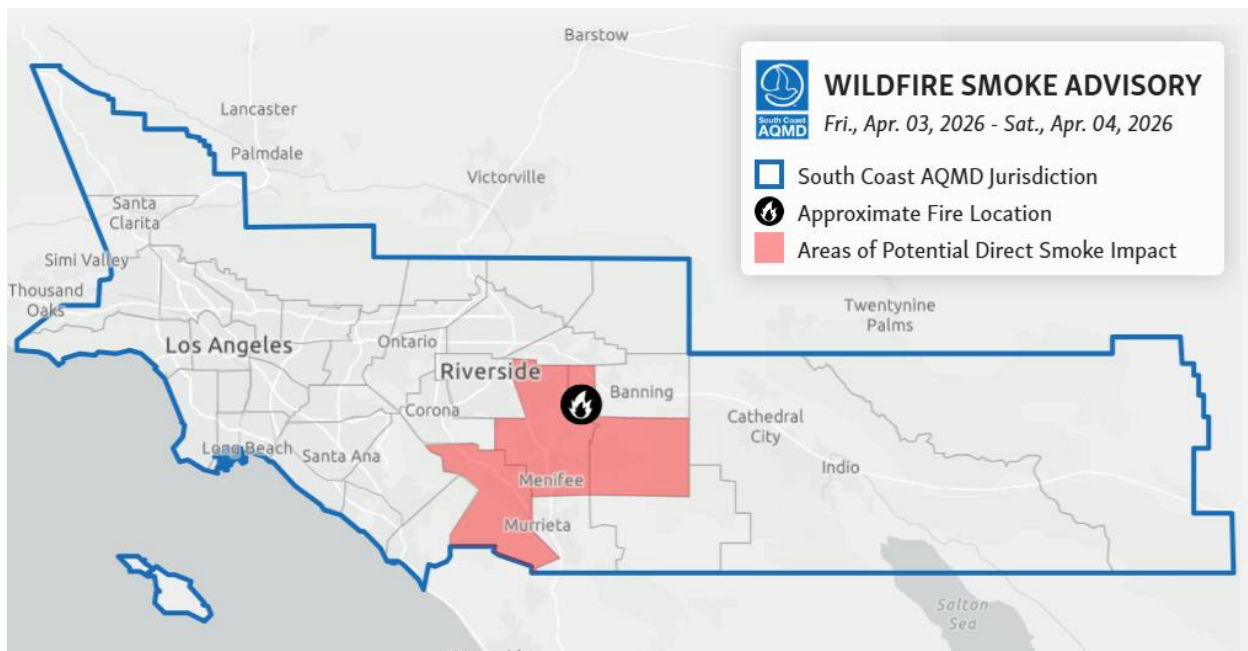
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## South Coast AQMD Issues Wildfire Smoke Advisory Due to Springs Fire

*Valid through Saturday 2:00 PM*



### Current Conditions

The Springs Fire is burning near Lake Perris. As of 2:30 PM Friday the fire has burned 1500 acres and is 0% contained.

More information: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2026/4/3/springs-fire/>.

Based on webcam imagery captured at 1:50 PM Friday, smoke from the Springs Fire is being pushed towards the southwest and is staying close to the ground.

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

### Forecasted Smoke and Air Quality Impacts

Smoke from the Springs fire is predicted to cause particle pollution levels in the **Moderate to Unhealthy** or higher Air Quality Index (AQI) categories at times from Friday afternoon through at least Saturday afternoon near Perris, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Menifee, Hemet, and surrounding areas

### Detailed Forecast

Friday afternoon	Winds will be variable at times, pushing smoke to the southwest towards Perris, Lake Elsinore, and surrounding areas, and AQI may reach <b>Unhealthy</b> or higher. Smoke impacts in Moreno Valley, Menifee, Hemet and surrounding areas will be variable, with AQI reaching <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher at times. <b>Good to Moderate</b> AQI due to particle pollution is expected in other areas.
Friday night	Wind speeds will decrease overnight and wind directions will be variable at times. AQI may continue to reach <b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b> or higher at times in Perris, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Menifee, Hemet, and surrounding areas
Saturday morning through 2 PM	Depending on fire activity and containment efforts, winds will again push smoke to the southwest. AQI may reach <b>Unhealthy</b> or higher at times near Perris, Lake Elsinore, and surrounding areas. <b>Good to Moderate</b> AQI is expected in other areas.

*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, visit [www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety](http://www.aqmd.gov/smokesafety).

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