

DURING A WILDFIRE – PROTECT YOURSELF

If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, here are ways to limit your exposure.



Remain indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter.

Avoid using a whole-house fan or a swamp cooler with an outside air intake.



Avoid vigorous physical activity.



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If you must be outdoors in smoky conditions, keep it brief, and use a disposable respirator (N-95 or P-100).



Run your A/C if you have one, change your filter often (MERV 13 +), or run a portable HEPA purifier.



Avoid using indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces, and combustion sources like candles and incense.

BEFORE A WILDFIRE – BE PREPARED

Get ready for wildfire smoke events by planning ahead! Here's what you can do to prepare:

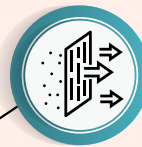
KNOW YOUR AIR QUALITY:

Download the South Coast AQMD app and sign up for alerts at www.AirAlerts.org. Download the AQMD Mobile App at www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp



FILTERS AND AIR CLEANERS:

If you have an A/C system, change your filter often (MERV 13 +), or run a portable HEPA purifier.



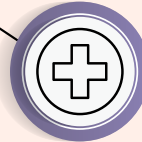
RESPIRATOR MASKS:

Have a few disposable respirators available (i.e. N-95 or P-100).



MEDICAL PLAN:

If you have heart or lung disease (such as asthma), consult your doctor to make a plan and keep 5+ days of medication on hand.



GENERATOR SAFETY:

If you plan to use a generator during a public safety power shutoff, never use it inside your home. Make sure it's at least 20 ft away from your house outdoors.



AFTER A WILDFIRE – SAFE CLEAN-UP

When cleaning up ash:



Wear a tight-fitting disposable respirator (N-95 or P-100).



Wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks to avoid skin contact.



Direct ash-filled water to ground areas and away from the storm drains. Don't use leaf blowers!



Mist lightly with water and then sweep gently with a broom or wet mop.



Collect ash into a plastic bag and dispose in the regular trash.



Clean ash off pets.



Wash off ash from vehicles and outdoor toys.



Inside your home, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter or similar industrial ones with disposable collection filter bags.