

Smoke warning issued in Riverside because of Ontario fire

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The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued a smoke advisory today due to a mulch fire in Ontario that continues to burn. The fire has caused areas of smoke and odors in portions of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, especially in Ontario and Chino near the fire and areas immediately downwind.

The advisory is in effect today. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

Current air quality measurements are in the Good and Moderate categories in the Inland Empire, but localized areas may reach the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups level, or higher, at times, depending on winds and containment of the fire. The areas where smoke impacts are most likely are:

- Southwest San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 33);
- Northwest San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 32);
- portions of Central San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 34); and
- portions of Metropolitan Riverside (Forecast Area 23).

In any area impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one. Keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to

<http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see

<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.