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Air Quality Advisory from the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District

YREKA, CA - This Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District Air Quality Advisory is in effect today through Wednesday September 7, 2022, to notify the public of unhealthy air quality conditions due to local smoke impacts from the Six Rivers Lightning Complex and Rum Creek wildland fires.

Wildfire smoke may be intermittent and affect different areas of Siskiyou County with elevated levels of particulate matter dependent upon wind direction and fire behavior. Poor air quality has the potential to cause negative health impacts, particularly for sensitive groups and when exposure is prolonged.

Information on air quality and smoke can be found [AirNow's](#) Fire and Smoke webpage, which shows data from permanent and temporary particulate monitors along with low-cost sensors. Direct links to Air Resource Advisors daily smoke forecasts, or Outlooks, are at the AirNow website.

If you can see or smell smoke, avoid all unnecessary outdoor activities, especially if you are in an area where visibility is greatly reduced.

Here are recommended ways to reduce your smoke exposure:

- Stay indoors with the windows and doors closed; if possible, run the air conditioner on the "recirculation" setting
- Limit outdoor physical activity
- Leave the smoke-impacted areas if possible until conditions improve
- Reduce unnecessary driving. If traveling through smoke-impacted areas, be sure that your vehicle's ventilation system is on recirculate
- Information on the correct use of protective masks and face coverings during smoke impacts can be found on AirNow's [Wildfire Smoke Factsheet](#). Non-HEPA paper face mask filters and bandana-type face coverings are not capable of filtering out extra fine smoke particulates that are microscopic. Therefore, they will not be helpful in protecting individuals from smoke-related impacts.

Anyone experiencing serious symptoms due to smoke should contact a health professional. Persons who have a respiratory-related illness may also wish to consult their health care provider if they are experiencing smoke exposure. Air quality can change rapidly at different times during the day due to wind shifts; monitor smoke throughout the day and make outdoor plans accordingly.

Smoke information can also be found on the District's [Fire and Smoke Information page](#).

Or through the QR code at the top of the page.