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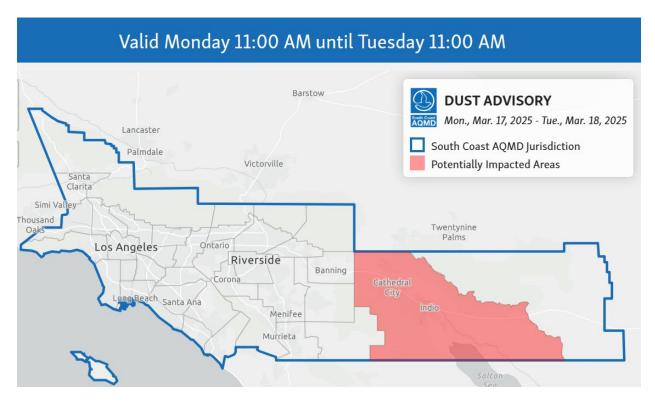
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Coachella Valley

Valid until Tuesday 11:00 AM



Current Conditions

 The South Coast AQMD has issued a windblown dust advisory for the Coachella Valley form 11AM Monday to 11AM Tuesday. See the NWS San Diego <u>www.weather.gov/sgx</u> website for more information.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the <u>South Coast AQMD app</u> or visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/AQImap</u>.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Blowing dust may result in AQI levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher Air
 Quality Index category in the Coachella Valley at times through 11 AM Tuesday, especially in
 areas that received little to no recent rain.
- High PM10 levels in the region because of gusty winds can lift dust and soil into the air.
- Winds from the west and northwest with gusts up to 45 mph are predicted.
- Air quality can vary by hour and location depending on wind conditions

Detailed Forecast

Monday afternoon and evening	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories at times throughout the Coachella Valley.
Monday Night	PM10 levels are predicted to range from Good to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher AQI categories in the Coachella Valley. Wind speeds and PM10 levels are expected to decrease somewhat after midnight.
Tuesday Morning	Wind speeds will continue to die down, reducing PM10 levels further. AQIs are expected to vary between Good and Moderate.

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

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust or ash:

- 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.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the <u>EPA Guide for Particle Pollution</u> (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.