



Smoke Outlook for 8/23 - 8/24 CentralCoast Fires

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Special Statement

For detailed information on local air quality advisories, please see the links below.
A Red Flag Warning for Gusty Outflow Winds and Dry Lightning in Effect From 5 am Sunday through 5 pm Monday.

Fire Information

River: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/16/river-fire>
Carmel: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/18/carmel-fire>
Dolan: <https://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/7018>

Smoke

Chance of incoming thunderstorms may increase fire behavior and produce more smoke, but expect greater movement and dispersion of smoke with increase wind speeds. Areas south of the fires may see some improved air quality due predicted south winds. Smoke conditions throughout the forecast zone are predicted to see Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) to Unhealthy.

Other

Air quality may change unexpectedly. Everyone should try and limit their outdoor activity in these unhealthy air quality conditions.



Daily AQI Forecast* for Aug 23, 2020

Station	Yesterday hourly	Sat 8/22	Forecast* Comment for Today -- Sun, Aug 23	Sun 8/23	Mon 8/24
Santa Cruz			May see Unhealthy air quality throughout the day with improving air quality overnight and morning hours.		
Gilroy			Unhealthy air quality expected.		
Hollister			Unhealthy air quality expected.		
Salinas			May see Unhealthy air quality most of the day with improving air quality overnight and morning hours.		
Monterey			May see Unhealthy air quality most of the day with improving air quality overnight and morning hours.		
Carmel Valley			May see Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy air quality throughout the day due to location near the fires. May see improving air quality overnight and morning hours.		
King City			May see Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy air quality throughout the day.		
Atascadero			May see USG air quality throughout the day.		
Morro Bay			May see Moderate air quality throughout the day.		

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Air Quality Index (AQI)	Actions to Protect Yourself
Good	None
Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

***Disclaimer:** This forecast is based on fine particulates only; ozone is not included. Forecasts may be wrong; use at own risk. Use caution as conditions can change quickly. See your health professional as needed. Smoke sensitive groups should take appropriate precautions.

Additional Links

- Monterey Bay Air Resources District -- <https://www.mbard.org/>
- San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District -- <https://www.slocleanair.org/>
- California Smoke Information -- <http://californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com/>
- Cal Fire Active Incidents -- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>
- Dolan Fire Information -- <https://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/7018/>