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Air Quality Watch Issued for Santa Barbara County
Smoke from Canyon Fire

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Today, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District issued an Air Quality Watch for Santa Barbara County to remain in effect until conditions change.

Smoke from the Canyon Fire on Vandenberg Air Force Base may affect air quality in northern Santa Barbara County and other areas of the county. Some smoke has blown offshore but winds can change, and smoke may affect a range of areas in the county. Parts of the county may also experience falling ash.

If you see or smell smoke in the air, be cautious and use common sense to protect your and your family's health. Everyone — especially people with heart or lung conditions (including asthma), older adults, and children — should limit time spent outdoors and avoid outdoor exercise when high concentrations of smoke and particles are present. If you see falling ash, avoid activities, such as using leaf blowers, that will stir particles into the air.

If you have symptoms that may be related to exposure to smoke and soot, contact your health care provider. Symptoms include coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, wheezing, chest tightness or pain, palpitations, and nausea or unusual fatigue or lightheadedness.

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