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More Air Quality Information Now Available
Monitors in Carpinteria, Santa Ynez, and Los Alamos
Smoke Forecast Maps
Continue to Take Precautions

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District has set up temporary air monitoring stations to record levels of fine particles (PM 2.5) in Carpinteria, Santa Ynez, and Los Alamos. See www.ourair.org/todays-air-quality/ for current conditions in these locations and throughout the county.

Daily smoke forecasts — in English and Spanish, and also shown in map form — are also posted there.

Monitoring stations continue to record unhealthy air in Santa Barbara County, with levels of fine particles (PM 2.5) still high. Larger particles (PM 10) and smoke aloft in the air will make air quality conditions appear worse and lead to poor visibility in some areas of the county. Those larger particles are less harmful to health than the smaller, fine particles, which are invisible. The larger particles can break down into smaller particles over time, so everyone should continue to take precautions.

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

The District and County Public Health Department have issued an Air Quality Warning that will remain in effect until conditions improve.


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