



WILDFIRE AIR READINESS CHECKLIST

Prepare before smoke arrives. Review again whenever air-quality conditions change.

Start with the room where you sleep or spend the most time.

A well-prepared cleaner-air room can help reduce exposure to fine particles in wildfire smoke.

1. BEFORE SMOKE ARRIVES

- ☐ Check your local air quality health index and local alerts.
- ☐ Choose one cleaner-air room; close its windows and exterior doors.
- ☐ Make sure the room can stay safely cool during hot weather.
- ☐ Limit outdoor activity when smoke or local guidance indicates higher risk.

2. CHECK YOUR AIR-CLEANING EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Inspect the air unit's intake, vents, filter and maintenance indicators.
- ☐ Remove visible dust only as directed in the manufacturer's manual.
- ☐ Replace overdue filters, ActivePure cells or other service components.
- ☐ Confirm the unit is appropriate for the room and can run continuously.

3. WHILE SMOKE IS PRESENT

- ☐ Keep windows and doors closed as much as practical.
- ☐ Set central HVAC to recirculate when the system allows.
- ☐ Use the highest-efficiency HVAC filter the system can safely handle.
- ☐ Run the portable air cleaner in the cleaner-air room.
- ☐ Avoid candles, incense, smoking, aerosol sprays, frying and broiling.

4. PERSONAL READINESS

- ☐ Keep needed medications, drinking water, and N95 respirators accessible.
- ☐ Check on older adults, children, and people with heart or lung conditions.
- ☐ Move to a cleaner-air location if indoor air becomes smoky or too hot.
- ☐ Seek medical advice for severe or worsening symptoms.
- ☐ Recheck outdoor conditions before reopening windows.

EVACUATION ORDERS COME FIRST.

Follow all local emergency alerts, evacuation warnings and evacuation orders immediately.
Do not remain at home because you have an air cleaner or believe indoor air is protected.

REMEMBER: A unit can still turn on and move air even when maintenance is overdue.

Write the next filter and cell replacement dates on your calendar.

MY CLEANER-AIR ROOM: _____

NEXT SERVICE DATE: _____

AIR UNIT / MODEL: _____

FILTER / CELL: _____

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Smoke Isn't Just Wood Smoke

Wildfire smoke can contain microscopic particles (PM2.5), gases, and chemicals released from burning vegetation, homes, vehicles, plastics, and other materials. If you notice smoke, check your local AQI and follow public health guidance.



Wildfires Are Changing

- ✓ Longer wildfire seasons
- ✓ Larger, more intense fires
- ✓ Smoke traveling farther than ever
- ✓ Canadian wildfire smoke reaching distant communities
- ✓ More frequent air-quality alerts



Every Breath Matters

The average adult takes about 20,000 breaths every day.

Cleaner indoor air can reduce smoke exposure, especially for children, older adults, pregnant individuals, and people with heart or lung conditions.



Create One Cleaner-Air Room

- ✓ Close windows and exterior doors
- ✓ Reduce indoor smoke sources
- ✓ Run air-cleaning equipment continuously
- ✓ Use HVAC recirculate when appropriate



Healthy Home Tip

When wildfire smoke arrives:

- ✓ Check your local AQI
- ✓ Close windows
- ✓ Turn on your air cleaner
- ✓ Avoid activities that create particles
- ✓ Stay indoors when air quality is unhealthy

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Product performance depends on proper installation, maintenance, and operation according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Information summarized from public health, environmental, and emergency management agencies in the United States and Canada.