



Emergency
Preparedness

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Choose a type: Air Quality
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INCIDENT

Trabing Fire

The fire is currently estimated at 1000 acres burning along Highway 1 between Larkin Valley Rd and Airport Blvd. Forecasts are for continued hot and dry conditions today with temperatures approaching 100 and low humidity in the 5 to 15% range, again conditions conducive to fire growth. Fire danger for today is again rated as Extreme. Current temperatures are around 93 degrees, humidity at 12%, winds 6 mph S by SW.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the uncertainty in conditions and possibility of unforeseen smoke impacts in various areas, we advise people to protect themselves from the smoke by staying indoors or moving away from the impacted areas. Even if you do not see visible smoke in your area, if you can smell it, your exposure is probably significant enough that it is advisable to take measures to limit your exposure.

If your area begins to experience even slight smoke or odors, we recommend you close all doors and windows and, if possible, set ventilation systems so that they recirculate indoor air as opposed to bringing in outside air, which will be contaminated. We also recommend that any persons with respiratory ailments, young children and older adults limit their exposure to smoky air by staying indoors, or temporarily seeking areas with cleaner air.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- www.santacruzhealth.org/alerts for informational updates and other alerts

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