

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Prescribed Fire Training Burn & Clean Air Rooms Campaign

Board of Directors Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Our Mission: To protect the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.

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RECAP

- Occurred June 10 and 11 near Los Olivos
- Part of a "Burn Boss" training put on by Santa Barbara County Fire
 - Live-fire training for firefighters
 - Also training on vegetation management benefits







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RECAP (CONT'D)

- District coordinated with County Fire
 - Collected weather data, collected AQ data, conducted visual inspections of surrounding areas
 - Installed a portable monitor E-BAM at Los Olivos Elementary School
 - Conducted bilingual two-step public notification process ahead of the burn





RESULTS

- 78 of 86 acres successfully burned over two days
 - One plot was not burned due to winds
- No smoke or odor complaints received by the District or County Fire Department
- During burn E-BAM measured green/good AQI

Prescribed Fire PM Report				
6/10/2020	SBCFD Training Burn			Los Olivos
Time	Conc (µg/m3)	AQI	Wind Direction	Notes
0:00 - 0:59	1.7	8	NW	
1:00 - 1:59	5.2	21	NNW	
2:00 - 2:59	7.7	33	N	
3:00 - 3:59	13.3	53	N	
4:00 - 4:59	12.4	50	N	
5:00 - 5:59	3.2	13	NNW	
6:00 - 6:59	1.3	4	N	
7:00 - 7:59	0	0	N	
8:00 - 8:59	3.5	17	N	Ignition
9:00 - 9:59	1.9	8	NNW	
10:00 - 10:59	0	0	N	
11:00 - 11:59	1.6	8	N	
12:00 - 12:59	2.4	8	NNW	
13:00 - 13:59	5.3	21	NNW	
14:00 - 14:59	0	0	S	
15:00 - 15:59	0	0	S	
16:00 - 16:59	2.9	13	S	Completed
17:00 - 17:59	0	0	SSW	30 acres total
18:00 - 18:59	0	0	S	
19:00 - 19:59	0	0	s	
20:00 - 20:59	2	8	S	
21:00 - 21:59	5.5	25	S	
22:00 - 22:59	6.7	29	W	
23:00 - 23:59	6.5	29	W	







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CLEAN AIR ROOMS

- Preparing with County Public Health on a "Clean Air Room" campaign for wildfire season
- The best protection against wildfire smoke is to stay indoors as much as possible
- "Clean air rooms" ensure that indoor air quality is safe
- "Clean air rooms" can be achieved by using a HEPA air purifier or DIY version, and by reducing common sources of indoor air pollution
- Campaign will include bilingual news release and infographics, and radio ads in English, Spanish & Mixteco



CLEAN INDOOR AIR DURING WILDFIRES

Smoke and ash from wildfires contain very small particles known as particulate matter. These particles harm the lungs and heart, and can cause coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, chest pain, nausea, and in severe instances, premature mortality. Kids, seniors, pregnant women, and people with heart or lung disease are especially sensitive. The best protection against wildfire smoke is to stay indoors as much as possible when smoke is present. Before the next wildfire, take steps to ensure your family will have safe indoor air quality.

How to Choose & Use an Air Purifier

HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) purifiers can reduce particulate matter indoors by 90%.

Choose one that's right for you. They come in various makes and models, for different room sizes. A HEPA purifier for average-sized bedroom costs approximately \$75.

You can purchase one at a hardware store or through online retailers.



Make sure it doesn't create ozone! Find a list of safe options online: www.arb.ca.gov/research/indoor/aircleaners/certified.htm



Use the purifier in a room where you spend a lot of time, like a bedroom.

Check your windows and doors and make sure the room is sealed tightly so smoke from the outdoors does not get pulled inside.

Make sure to replace the filter as directed in the owner's manual - filters need to be replaced more frequently when used during a wildfire.

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Spanish Version

AIRE INTERIOR LIMPIO DURANTE INCENDIOS

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Cómo elegir y usar un p

Los purificadores HEPA (filtro de aire de disminuir en un 90 por ciento las partíc

Elija uno adecuado para usted. Vier y modelos, para diferentes tamaños Un purificador HEPA para un dorm estándar cuesta unos \$75, aproxin Puede adquirir uno en una ferreter

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Cómo hacer su propio purifico PASO 1: MATERIALES

Compre los siguientes elementos en ferreterías o por Internet.



Cinta multipropósito

Filtro de aire de 20 (clasificación MERV de 13

PASO 2: ENSAMBLADO

Adhiera el filtro de aire a la parte trasera del ventilador de caja con cinta multipropósito. Verifique la dirección del flujo del aire (está marcada a ambos lados del filtro).

PASO 3: MANTENIMIENTO

Reemplace el filtro con mayor frecuencia si lo utili

Según sea necesario, desarme el ventilador de d la suciedad acumulada.

Verifique las puertas y ventanas para asegurars esté cerrada herméticamente y que no pueda in

POR SU SEGURIDAD, SIGA ESTAS

 No deje el aparato sin supervisión. Apague el ventilador antes de irse

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AIRE INTERIOR LIMPIO DURANTE INCEN FORESTALES

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No ahúme ni queme leña, velas o incienso en la casa.



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Comuniquese con un profesional para que realice una prueba de soplador en las que realice una prueba de sopiador en los puertas para defectar filtraciones de aire. Consulte con su profesional de climatización para saber qué classificación

Si la temperatura es alta y no hay modo de mantener la vivienda fresca con la pasibilidad de trasladarse. la Temperatura es alta y no hay modo de mantener la vivienda tresca co las puertas y ventanas cerradas, evalúe la posibilidad de trasladarse las y ventanas cerradas, evarue la positimidata de rico, temporalmente hasta que mejoren las condiciones.



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How to Make Your Own HEPA Air Purifier

STEP 1: MATERIALS

Purchase the following items from hardware stores or online retailers.



Duct Tape



20"x20" Air Filter (MERV rating 13 or higher)



20"x20" Box Fan

STEP 2: ASSEMBLE

Duct tape the air filter to the back of the box fan.

Check the filter for the direction of the air flow (marked on the sides of the filter).



STEP 3: MAINTENANCE

Replace the filter more frequently if used during a wildfire.

As needed, disassemble the box fan to wipe away any accumulated dirt.

Check your windows and doors to make sure the room is sealed tightly so smoke from the outdoors does not get pulled inside.

FOR SAFETY, FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONS:

- Don't leave the device unattended.
- Turn off the fan while sleeping.
- When the fan is modified in this way, use the device as an air cleaner, not as a fan to cool your home.

Minimizing Sources of Indoor Air Pollution



If advised to stay inside, keep windows and doors shut.



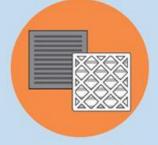
Do not smoke or burn firewood, candles, or incense in the house.



Use your range hood while cooking.



Contact a professional to check for air leaks with a blower door test.



Check with your HVAC professional to see what MERV rating your system can handle.

If temps are high and there is no way to keep the home cool with windows and doors shut, consider temporarily relocating until conditions improve.

