

# Media Advisory

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## Air Quality Alert Issued for Wildfire Smoke

The Clark County Division of Air Quality (DAQ) is issuing a **smoke alert for Saturday**, **July 27 and Sunday**, **July 28**, due to wildfire smoke from the Borel and Trout fires in California drifting into the Las Vegas Valley.

Wildfire smoke is made of small particles and other pollutants that can aggravate respiratory diseases such as bronchitis and asthma or heart disease. Consult your physician if you have a medical condition that makes you sensitive to air quality conditions. Under today's



conditions, it may be best for children, the elderly and people with respiratory and heart disease to stay indoors.

### HELPFUL TIPS TO LIMIT PERSONAL EXPOSURE TO SMOKE

- Stay indoors when you see or smell smoke.
- Keep windows and doors closed.
- Limit outdoor exertion on days with high levels of fine particles in the air. Exercise makes you breathe heavier and increases the amount of particulates you are likely to inhale.
- Consider changing your indoor air filters if they are dirty.

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH LOCAL AIR QUALITY INFORMATION

- Daily Air Quality Forecast Website: <u>DESAQMonitoring.ClarkCountyNV.gov.</u>
- **Social Media:** Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ClarkCountyDES">www.facebook.com/ClarkCountyDES</a>; Twitter/X: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ClarkCountyDES">@ClarkCountyDES</a> and Instagram: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ClarkCountyDES">@ClarkCountyDES</a>
- Daily Text/Email Alerts: www.enviroflash.org.
- AIRNow Mobile App: https://www.airnow.gov/airnow-mobile-app/.

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Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) is the region's air pollution control agency. DES also administers the Desert Conservation Program and leads the All-In Clark County initiative to address climate impacts in Southern Nevada. Whether it's protecting the air we share, protecting species like the desert tortoise or making

home and vehicle electrification easier for residents, our team is united by our shared passion to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable Southern Nevada.

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.4 million citizens and 43 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.