

Media Advisory

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MEDIA ADVISORY: No Spare the Air Smog Alert for July 4

SAN FRANCISCO - Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District WILL NOT BE issuing a *Spare the Air Health Alert* for July 4.

Onshore winds will increase tonight and persist through the day tomorrow, keeping temperatures in the double digits and preventing air pollution from reaching unhealthy concentrations on the July 4 holiday.

Because temperatures will remain high, the Air District encourages residents to drive less and reduce their energy use to prevent pollution from once again building up to unhealthy levels on Tuesday, July 5.

A list of simple things the public can do to make clean air choices every day:

- Bike to work or around town
- Take public transit
- Work at home or telecommute
- Carpool and link your errands to reduce driving
- Avoid using gas-powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers
- Reduce household energy use
- Use a gas grill instead of charcoal
- Avoid using aerosol spray cleaners, paints and hairspray

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. For more information about Spare the Air, visit www.sparetheair.org.