

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## High temperatures are increasing potential for unhealthy air Wildfire risk climbs this weekend

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Although there is no Spare the Air Alert in effect for tomorrow, the Bay Area Air District is warning Bay Area residents that warm, dry temperatures are increasing the risk of wildfires on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2.

Wildfires can increase the potential for unhealthy air and the potential for Spare the Air health alerts in the 9-county Bay Area region.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District monitors air quality hourly throughout the region. The public can follow the hourly air quality readings by visiting the Air Districts web page at baaqmd.gov and clicking on the "Science" tab to get access to "Real-Time Air Quality Data."

The California wildfire season takes place between spring and early fall. The Air District monitors air quality in the Bay Area and will issue a health advisory if wildfires develop and smoke causes elevated levels of unhealthy air in the region.

In the event of a wildfire occurrence, visit the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Smoke Impact webpage for health and safety tips at: http://www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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