

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Wildfire info at residents' fingertips

When California wildfires and fires in surrounding states flare, Valley air quality can be affected. Residents can stay informed of wildfires impacting the San Joaquin Valley by visiting the District's Wildfire Information page at: www.valleyair.org/wildfires.

The site provides information on air quality when wildfire smoke impacts the Valley, as well as links to InciWeb (a multi-agency incident website), Cal Fire, Air District's press releases and valuable health protection information.

Visitors to the page are advised of what to do if they smell smoke and see ash, such as treating air quality as a RAAN (Real-Time Air Advisory Network) Level 4 or higher, limiting outdoor activities, and remaining inside air conditioned buildings, where the air is filtered.

In addition, the site includes a link to real-time air quality data from temporary monitors deployed in foothill and mountain communities, as well as AB 617 communities.

Tune-In & Tune-Up events continue to clean up Valley's gross polluters

Recent Governing Board approval means the Valley Air District will continue to host Tune-In & Tune-Up events Valley-wide, as part of the District's Drive Clean in the San Joaquin REPAIR program.

The District has contracted with Valley CAN (Clean Air Now) to conduct the highly successful car clean-up program since 2011, offering free emissions testing and repairs.

Weekend events are scheduled throughout the year at locations from Stockton to Bakersfield, where the first 525 vehicles receive free emissions testing. Vehicles that fail these tests are provided repair vouchers worth \$500 at area STAR-certified Smog shops.

The average vehicle at a Tune-In & Tune-Up event is a 1997 with approximately 182,000 miles. To date, the District has allocated \$31 million toward this program, repairing more than 29,000 vehicles and holding 150 events.

Participants must live in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, having owned their vehicles for at least six months and should expect a wait time of at least two hours. For more info and the schedule of upcoming events, visit: www.valleyair.org/drivecleaninthesanjoaquin/repair.

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