

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## District arms Valley residents with timely information on wildfires

Reports of a local wildfire are coming in but you wonder...is it safe to be outdoors? What is the level of containment? These and many other questions can be answered when you use the Valley Air District's wildfire information page for details on wildfires impacting the Valley's air quality.

Located at [www.valleyair.org/wildfires](http://www.valleyair.org/wildfires), the page contains many resources on air quality, health and safety as it relates to wildfires, including:

- Air quality data for specific San Joaquin Valley locations
- Air quality data for foothill and mountain communities
- Cal Fire and InciWeb – Links to specific fires with details like size, location, date fire began, and level of containment.
- Link to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on protecting yourself from wildfire smoke

## Community steering committee members needed for South Central Fresno

If you live in the AB 617 boundary area for South Central Fresno, and would like to participate in helping improve your community's air and quality of life, you're invited to apply for the Community Steering Committee. For more information, visit [community.valleyair.org](http://community.valleyair.org).

## Drive Clean in the San Joaquin safer and more convenient

As COVID-19 has prompted the sudden cancellation of the very popular Tune In & Tune up emissions-testing events, the Valley Air District has adopted changes to the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin REPAIR Program that will help prevent spread of the virus and improve efficiency.

Previously, Tune In & Tune Up events performed emissions testing for as many as 525 participants at a single 4-hour test event, with as many as 22 events throughout the San Joaquin Valley per year. Customers with failing vehicles received repair vouchers worth up to \$850, redeemable at participating STAR smog shops.

Now, a new virtual Tune-In & Tune-Up allows Valley residents to call and make an appointment for an emissions test. If your car fails the test, you'll receive an electronic repair voucher to get your vehicle smog-ready. Upon repair at the participating STAR smog shop and passage of the emissions test, customers receive a confirmatory smog test.

Customers with vehicles from 1999 or earlier that fail the emissions test, and who meet low-income requirements, are eligible to receive as much as \$9,500 to retire and replace their high-polluting vehicle with a newer, cleaner, hybrid or electric vehicle, through the Drive Clean in the San Joaquin REPLACE Program.

For more information on these programs, visit [www.valleyair.org/drivecleaninthesanjoaquin](http://www.valleyair.org/drivecleaninthesanjoaquin). To make an appointment for your emissions test, call 1-800-806-2004. You must be a resident of one of the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the Valley air basin portion of Kern) to participate.

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