

Wildfire Season is Here

Are you prepared for smoke?

Prepare for regional wildfire smoke before it arrives! In July or sooner, do the following so you are prepared for excessive smoke:

- ❑ Visit smokewiseashland.org or airnow.org for Ashland's latest air quality conditions and learn options to protect your health during times of smoke.
- ❑ Purchase the right filters for your air filtration system. Using MERV 13 or higher filters is ideal, but they may not be compatible with HVAC systems in older homes. Make sure to have spare filters during times of smoke, as you may need to change them out during a smoke event.
- ❑ Consider purchasing a stand-alone air purifier unit, especially if you have young children, are an older adult or have a pre-existing condition including heart & lung disease, asthma, or COPD. Air purifiers are available at local hardware stores or online.
- ❑ Install weather stripping if you have leaky doors or windows to reduce the amount of smoke that enters your home.
- ❑ Window air conditioning units should not be used during a smoke event, as they cannot filter out unhealthy smoky air. Cover and seal the border of the unit to stop smoky air from getting inside.
- ❑ Purchase N-95 respirators and wear them properly. N95 or N100 respirators can offer some protection from harmful particulates found in smoke.

APRIL

Harden your home!

Against embers and flames

MAY

Be Firewise!

Keep your yard lean, clean and green

JUNE

Be Ready!

Prepare to evacuate or shelter in place

JULY

Be Smokewise!

Prepare for smoke



Learn more online:
fireadaptedashland.org





Air Quality and Smoke Resources from

SMOKEWISE ASHLAND



How to Properly Wear a Respirator

And other useful info about them



What is Ashland's Current Air Quality?

Understanding the Air Quality Index



Regional and National Wildfire Information



Smoke and Your Health

Health Recommendations and information related to smoke sensitivity.



Sign Up for Nixle

Ashland's Community Alert System. Sign up to get emergency alerts when visiting, working, or living in Ashland



Ashland's Evacuation Homepage

Know your Zone, Know your Alerts, Get Ready, and FAQ's



OHA Wildfire Resources

Oregon Health Authority's wildfire and smoke educational resources. Available in several languages.



EPA - AirNow.gov

Highlights air quality in your local area in addition to state, national and world level smoke information



Jackson County Wildfire Smoke Resources

Available in English and Spanish



Oregon Smoke Blog

State level smoke Information. Available in English and Spanish



Learn more online:
smokewiseashland.org

