



# Smoke Ready Colorado

## Prepare yourself, your family, and your community.



### PRESCRIBED FIRE SMOKE



Prescribed fires create smoke, so why burn? Frequent, low severity fires, like prescribed burns, help prevent the huge smoke events that accompany severe wildfires.



Fire practitioners choose the weather conditions of a prescribed burn carefully to ensure that they burn when smoke is more likely to disperse. Weather is unpredictable, so this can limit advanced notice.



Stay up to date on planned and in progress prescribed fires by following land management agencies in your area and checking out the [BLM Colorado Fire Information Dashboard](#).



When you learn of a prescribed fire, take action to keep yourself safe by checking the AQI, wearing a mask and limiting outdoor activity.



### AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Index (AQI) measures how safe the air outside is to breathe. Visit [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov) for daily updates on your local air quality to help you decide if outdoor activity is safe for you and your family.



### TAKE ACTION

- Limit outdoor activities when air quality is poor and stay inside when possible. If you must go outside, wear an N95 mask.
- Pay special attention to air quality if you or your family have asthma or other sensitivities to smoke.
- Filter the air in your workplace or home using a HEPA filter or an air conditioner with an MERV 13 filter. You can create your own filter fan by attaching an MERV 13 filter to the back of a box fan.
- Prepare a list of fun indoor activities to do with kids on smoky days.

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