

Ash During A Wildfire

What is Ash?



- Dust that is gray or white
- Large enough to see
- Can be the size of sand or larger
- Visible in the air or on surfaces
- Contains hazardous toxics

Ash particles are too large to be detected by air quality monitors and are not reflected in the Air Quality Index (AQI) map. Although the AQI may show green, hazardous ash may be present in the air.

If you see ash, take proper precautions:



Wear a N95 mask.



Stay indoors with windows/doors closed.



Run your HVAC system, or air purifier if available.



Don't use a leaf blower.



If cleaning up ash, wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

More tips:

www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips

