

For Immediate Release
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Notice of Expanded Smog Advisory

Effective immediately, the Ministry of the Environment is expanding its existing *Smog Advisory* to include the following additional forecast regions:

Algonquin	Huron-Perth
Bancroft-Bon Echo	Kingston-Prince Edward
Barrie-Orillia-Midland	London-Middlesex
Belleville-Quinte-Northumberland	Manitoulin-Northshore-Killarney
Brockville-Leeds and Grenville	Niagara
Burk's Falls Bayfield Inlet	North Bay-West Nipissing
City of Hamilton	Oxford-Brant
City of Ottawa	Parry Sound-Muskoka-Huntsville
City of Toronto	Peterborough-Kawartha Lakes
Cornwall-Morrisburg	Prescott and Russell
Dufferin-Innisfil	Renfrew-Pembroke-Barry's Bay
Dunnville-Caledonia-Haldimand	Sarnia-Lambton
Elgin	Sault Ste. Marie-Superior East
Elliot Lake-Ranger Lake	Simcoe-Delhi-Norfolk
Greater Sudbury and Vicinity	Smiths Falls-Lanark-Sharbot Lake
Grey-Bruce	Stirling-Tweed-South Frontenac
Haliburton	Waterloo-Wellington
Halton-Peel	York-Durham

A *Smog Advisory* remains in effect for:

Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent

The *Smog Advisory* for all of the above regions will be in effect until further notice.

A *Smog Advisory* is issued when there is a high probability for elevated smog levels.

Hot, sunny conditions combined with a south-westerly flow of polluted air from the U.S. and local build-up of pollutants are resulting in elevated smog levels across the province.

Smog is a hazy mix of pollutants made up of ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter and other pollutants. During the summer months, more than half of Ontario's smog-causing pollution originates in the United States. In cooler months, domestic sources can be significant contributors to the formation of fine particulate matter.

The website www.airqualityontario.com contains a list of "spare the air" actions (www.airqualityontario.com/science/spareair.cfm) to help combat smog and minimize its effect on sensitive populations. If you want to learn more about air quality, visit the Ministry of the Environment's website at www.ene.gov.on.ca.

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