

For Immediate Release
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Smog Advisory Partially Lifted

Effective immediately, the Ministry of the Environment has lifted its *Smog Advisory* for the following forecast regions:

Algonquin	Haliburton
Barrie-Orillia-Midland	Manitoulin-Northshore-Killarney
Burk's Falls Bayfield Inlet	North Bay-West Nipissing
Elliot Lake-Ranger Lake	Parry Sound-Muskoka-Huntsville
Greater Sudbury and Vicinity	Renfrew-Pembroke-Barry's Bay
Grey-Bruce	Sault Ste. Marie-Superior East

Increasing cloudiness, cooler weather conditions and a change in wind direction to a westerly flow are resulting in cleaner air across parts of central and northern Ontario.

However, a *Smog Advisory* continues and is in effect until further notice for the following regions:

Bancroft-Bon Echo	London-Middlesex
Belleville-Quinte-Northumberland	Niagara
Brockville-Leeds and Grenville	Oxford-Brant
City of Hamilton	Peterborough-Kawartha Lakes
City of Ottawa	Prescott and Russell
City of Toronto	Sarnia-Lambton
Cornwall-Morrisburg	Simcoe-Delhi-Norfolk
Dufferin-Innisfil	Smiths Falls-Lanark-Sharbot Lake
Dunnville-Caledonia-Haldimand	Stirling-Tweed-South Frontenac
Elgin	Waterloo-Wellington
Halton-Peel	Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent
Huron-Perth	York-Durham
Kingston-Prince Edward	

Hot, hazy and humid conditions combined with a southwesterly flow of polluted air from the U.S. and local build-up of pollutants are resulting in elevated smog levels across parts of southern Ontario.

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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