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Wildfire smoke may impact local communities this week

Starting today, forecasts show B.C. wildfire smoke could impact Whatcom, Skagit and Island communities for the next few days. Air quality could be unhealthy at times in particular on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition, the hot, sunny weather could add complications by increasing levels of ground-level ozone that increase the chance of breathing problems.

If you experience breathing problems, please take precautions to protect yourselves, family members and animals.

Stay inside and keep doors and windows closed when harmful smoke is present. Limit or avoid strenuous outdoor activity. Drive less. Put off mowing the lawn and lighting up the grill.

Consult with your doctor or other health professionals as needed.

Find more health recommendations here: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/p/federal.html>

Track air quality conditions and news at these locations:

- Washington Smoke Information: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>
- Northwest Clean Air Agency: <http://nwcleanairwa.gov/>
- Washington Department of Ecology: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/enviwa/>
- B.C. information: <http://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/viewer/run/ops/BSC-CA-01/current/>
- Media
- Northwest Clean Air Agency's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nwcleanair/>
- EPA's AirNow: <https://airnow.gov/>

The Northwest Clean Air Agency is responsible for enforcing federal, state and local air quality regulations in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties. In addition to permitting and regulating industrial sources of air pollution, the agency provides services and information related to asbestos, indoor air quality, outdoor burning, woodstoves and fireplaces. More information about the agency is

available at www.nwcleanairwa.gov.