WHAT DO I DO ABOUT WILDFIRE SMOKE AT HOME?

Ready.gov suggests designating a room you can close off from outside air and running a portable air cleaner in it, and keeping an N95 respirator if you can. Check the current air quality index at AirNow, which also offers a Fire and Smoke Map.

THE STEPS

01 Pick a room you can close off from outside air, and run a portable air cleaner in it.

02 Keep an N95 respirator on hand if you can.

03 Check current and forecast air quality at AirNow. Its index runs from Good (0 to 50) to Hazardous (301 and above).

04 Use AirNow's Fire and Smoke Map to see where smoke is.

05 Follow instructions from local officials, and be ready to leave if told to evacuate.

THE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Portable air cleaner
- ☐ N95 respirators
- ☐ AirNow bookmarked or app installed
- ☐ A room that closes tight

Sources: Ready.gov, Wildfires; AirNow, U.S. EPA and partners. Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.