



CITY OF PATERSON
Office of Emergency Management
Air Quality Alert

Smoke from Canada's wildfires has been moving into the United States since last month. The most recent fires near Quebec have been burning for several days.

The EPA said hazy skies, reduced visibility and the odor of burning wood are likely, and that the smoke will linger for a few days and create hazy skies in New Jersey.

Who should be careful?

Exposure to elevated fine particle pollution levels can affect the lungs and heart. The air quality alerts caution "sensitive groups," a big category that includes children, older adults, and people with lung diseases, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

It's a good time to put off that yard work and outdoor exercise. If you go out, consider wearing a mask to reduce your exposure to pollutants.

Stay inside, keeping your doors, windows and fireplaces shut. It's recommended that you run the air conditioning on a recirculation setting.

Due to the worsening air quality in the City of Paterson, disposable masks will be available at the following locations.

- **Madison Ave Firehouse – 850 Madison Ave**
- **Hillcrest Firehouse – 221 Union Ave**
- **Lakeview Firehouse – 127 Trenton Ave**
- **Northside Firehouse – 48 Temple St**
- **Riverside Firehouse – 237 Lafayette St**
- **Southside Firehouse – 136 Getty Ave**
- **Fire Headquarters – 300 McBride Ave**
- **Paterson Police Headquarters - 111 Broadway**
- **Paterson Health Department – 176 Broadway**

For any severe respiratory emergency **DIAL 911**

The Office of Emergency Management is constantly monitoring the situation and will keep you up to date.