Cleaner Air in Vancouver



Reducing exposure to wildfire smoke is the best way to protect your health

- **1** If it is too smoky or you are too hot, go to an indoor space with cooler or cleaner air
- **2** Postpone or limit outdoor activities that make you breathe harder, especially if you are experiencing symptoms
- 3 Drink plenty of water to help reduce some common symptoms
- **4** When outdoors, consider wearing a 3-layer mask for moderate protection, or a N95 respirator for higher protection
- **5** If you use rescue medications, always carry them with you and keep a supply at home
- **6** Seek medical care for symptoms like chest discomfort, shortness of breath, severe coughing or wheezing, and dizziness or worsening mental health

Prioritize keeping cool when the weather is hot and there is smoke. Being too hot is riskier than breathing in smoke for most people.

Things to know

- City facilities with cleaner air are available throughout the year during regular operating hours. Go to a cleaner air space when you feel you need relief from wildfire smoke. Spaces with air conditioning can also provide relief and there are locations throughout the City: **vancouver.ca/hotweather**
- Additional cleaner air spaces are activated when an air quality advisory is issued by Metro Vancouver
- Cleaner air spaces are available for everybody. You do not need to register, pay, or show identification to visit a cleaner air space. Seating, water, and access to washrooms are available at these locations.
- All Community Centre cooling centres will accept well-behaved pets except for the following locations:
 - > Evelyne Saller Centre (404 Alexander Street)
 - > Carnegie Community Centre (401 Main Street)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES

vancouver.ca/wildfiresmoke

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IF YOU NEED HELP

Medical emergencies: Phone 9-1-1

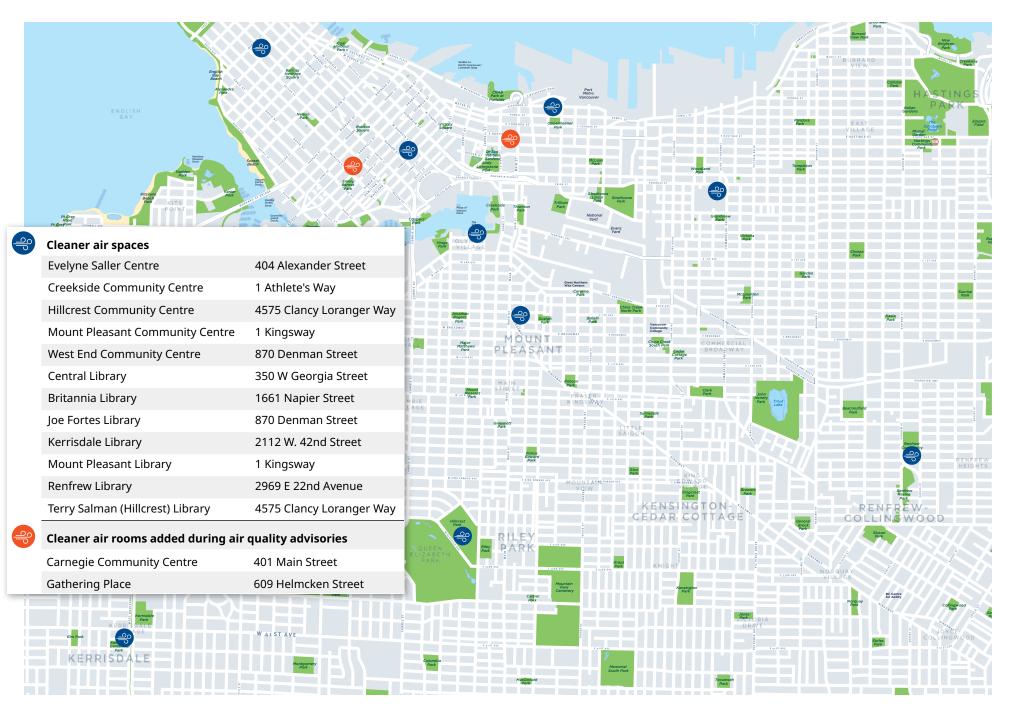
Health questions about symptoms: Phone 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for deaf or hard of hearing)

> **Public locations with cleaner air:** Phone 3-1-1

Interpretation services are available for the phone numbers above

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