



How Smoke Travels



Contrary to popular opinion, it's not just the areas immediately surrounding wildfires that are affected by the pollution. The tiny particles from wildfires can travel and affect people in other locations. Here's what you need to know.

Wildfire Pollutants Can Travel FAR!

Wildfire smoke on the west coast can even travel thousands of miles, affecting people on the east coast, even in Europe. In fact, in previous west coast U.S. fires, air quality advisories were put in place for east coast cities like New York, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia.

Wildfire smoke can change as it travels!

Distance affects the ability of the smoke to "age." Aging can make smoke more toxic. In other words, smoke from a wildfire in California can not only travel thousands of miles across the country, but can land on the east coast with increased toxicity.



The Medical Grade HEPA used in the Austin Air Healthmate Plus[®] effectively removes up to 99% of pollutants larger than 0.1 microns. It also eliminates a wide range of gases, chemicals, VOCs, and formaldehyde, making it the best choice for people exposed to wildfire smoke.

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