



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Air Purifier Support During Wildfire Season

Individuals are asked to please contact their community health centre to request support for air purifiers. Requests will then be forwarded to the FNHA.

Public health evidence tells us that certain people are at more risk from wildfire smoke.

Due to wildfire smoke in various areas of the province, and a non-sustainable supply of air purifiers the FNHA will only consider requests for air purifiers from communities to support members with high risk vulnerabilities for acute exacerbation due to wildfire smoke. This may include:

- asthma
- heart disease or diabetes
- respiratory issues
- babies or infants
- elderly
- pregnancy

Priority will be given to individuals and communities who:

- have limited transportation / mobility and are unable to access a community clean air shelter
- live in a home without a ventilation system that can recirculate air

In certain urgent situations community purchase of air purifiers may be eligible for reimbursement from FNHA when prior approval is obtained from the Regional Health Emergency Management Team.

Community Clean Air Shelters

Please reach out to your local FNHA Environmental Health Officer (EHO) about guidance for a clean air shelters.

Replacement HEPA Filters

If you received or purchased HEPA filters during past wildfire seasons, ensure that they are still in good condition and replace the filters if needed. Replacement filters are provided by the FNHA.

Supporting Resources

For more information on how air purifiers work, and how to protect yourself and your loved ones from wildfire smoke, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control at www.bccdc.ca/wildfiresmoke. For more info on wildfire smoke and other supports available to individuals and communities, please visit www.fnha.ca/wildfire.

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