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## Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Launches Home Air Filtration Pilot Program

**DAVIS, CA – July 22, 2025–** The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is launching its <u>Fresh Air For All – Home Air Filtration Pilot Program</u> to provide free, high-quality air filtration devices to eligible households. The program is designed to help residents—especially those in disadvantaged communities—maintain healthy indoor air during wildfire smoke events and other poor air quality days.

"Smoke from wildfires can significantly impact public health, and we've already experienced some poor air quality this season," said Gretchen Bennitt, Executive Director of the District. "This pilot program is focused on supporting our most vulnerable communities by offering home air purifiers to help protect indoor air."

Each eligible household that applies will receive one Oransi AirMend150 HB air filtration unit and one replacement HEPA filter, designed to last up to 12 months. Approximately 700 devices will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Households may submit only one application, and participants must pick up their device in person—either at a <u>distribution event</u> or at the District office, located at 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, in Davis.

Distribution events are scheduled for:	
Rio Vista Library, Rio Vista	12 – 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16
Holy Cross Church, West Sacramento	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17
Arthur F. Turner Community Library, West Sacramento	12 – 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23

Residents can sign up in advance using the <u>online application</u> (also available in Russian and Spanish) or register on-site during a distribution event. The process is simple: applicants just need to complete the form and provide a document showing proof of address, such as a driver's license or utility bill. Once the form is submitted and documentation is verified, participants can take home a unit immediately. If someone does not have documentation on hand at the event, staff will assist them in signing up for a later pick-up date.

Wildfire smoke can result in prolonged periods of poor air quality and poses serious health risks, particularly for children, older adults, and individuals with respiratory or heart conditions.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, using a High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration device in a well-sealed indoor space can reduce particulate pollution by more than 90 percent.

The District encourages residents to use air filtration devices during smoke events and to create <u>"clean air rooms"</u> to ensure access to safe indoor air during high-pollution days.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit <u>ysaqmd.org</u>. Connect with the Air District via <u>Facebook, X, LinkedIn</u> and <u>Nextdoor</u>.

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