



Air quality warning ended for Smithers - open burning restrictions remain in effect

November 5, 2025

The Ministry of Environment and Parks in collaboration with the Northern Health Authority has ended the Air Quality Warning that was issued on November 04, 2025 for Smithers due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter.

Local air quality has improved due to changing meteorological conditions.

Open burning restrictions remain in effect within 50 km of the Smithers fireall. No new fires may be initiated, and no additional material may be added to existing fires. For more information on burning restrictions, refer to the Mandatory Emission Reduction Actions section below.

Mandatory emission reduction actions

- As pollution is occurring or is likely to occur from open burning, pursuant to Sections 30(1) and 30(2) of the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, the Director has prohibited open burning within 50 km of the Smithers fireall until November 06, 2025 local time. No vegetative debris may be ignited or added to ignited piles. Contravention of these provisions may be subject to a fine under the Regulation.

Date issued: November 05, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Weinstein".

Benjamin Weinstein

For Director, Environmental Management Act
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More information

Current conditions

The provincial air quality objective for PM_{2.5} is 25 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m³) averaged over 24 hours. 24-hour average PM_{2.5} concentrations are summarized below for Smithers and nearest monitored communities at 5:00 PM local time today:

Community	Smithers	Burns Lake	Houston	Prince George	Terrace	Vanderhoof
24-hr average (µg/m ³)	3.6	11.0	5.2	9.2	4.8	6.2

Visit the provincial [air quality data webpage](#) for real-time observations.

Contact

Media questions regarding this Air Quality Warning

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Media questions regarding health implications related to impaired air quality

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