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**What we can do
for the
unsheltered?**

2020 Fire Season



Last summer we saw the one of the most devastating fire seasons in American history.

More than 10 million acres burned, 37 people were killed, and approximately \$19.8 billion of damage occurred.

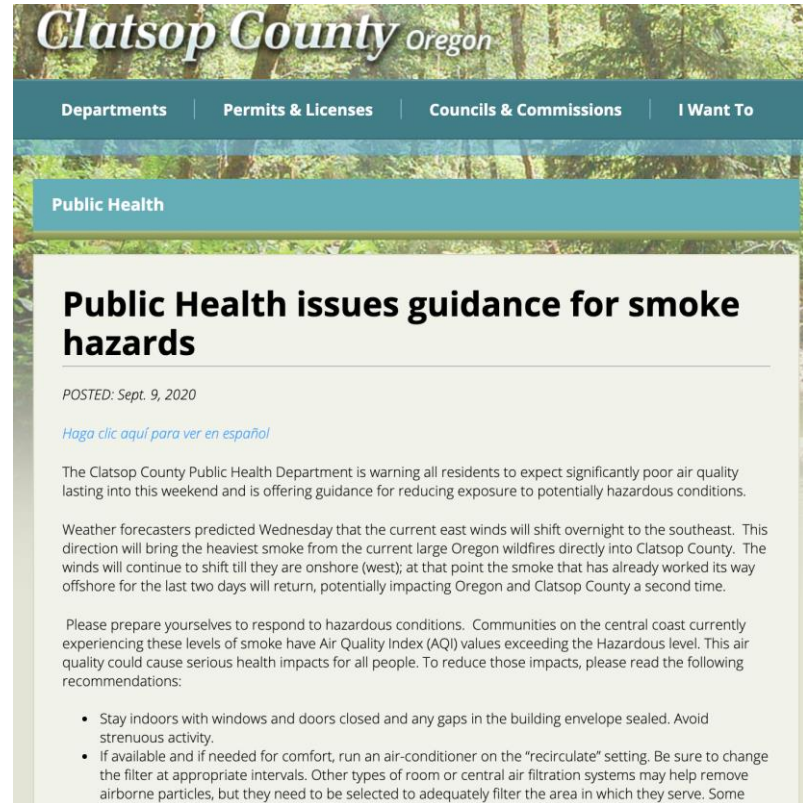
Smoke in Clatsop County



Though we were thankfully spared from the flames, air quality in our town was at an all time low

County Recommendations

Public Health Departments across the state issued stay-indoors-notices. However, for many people who are unsheltered, staying indoors is not an option



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Public Health

Public Health issues guidance for smoke hazards

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The Clatsop County Public Health Department is warning all residents to expect significantly poor air quality lasting into this weekend and is offering guidance for reducing exposure to potentially hazardous conditions.

Weather forecasters predicted Wednesday that the current east winds will shift overnight to the southeast. This direction will bring the heaviest smoke from the current large Oregon wildfires directly into Clatsop County. The winds will continue to shift till they are onshore (west); at that point the smoke that has already worked its way offshore for the last two days will return, potentially impacting Oregon and Clatsop County a second time.

Please prepare yourselves to respond to hazardous conditions. Communities on the central coast currently experiencing these levels of smoke have Air Quality Index (AQI) values exceeding the Hazardous level. This air quality could cause serious health impacts for all people. To reduce those impacts, please read the following recommendations:

- Stay indoors with windows and doors closed and any gaps in the building envelope sealed. Avoid strenuous activity.
- If available and if needed for comfort, run an air-conditioner on the "recirculate" setting. Be sure to change the filter at appropriate intervals. Other types of room or central air filtration systems may help remove airborne particles, but they need to be selected to adequately filter the area in which they serve. Some

Further Inequities

Some people are more at risk

It's especially important for you to pay attention to local air quality reports during a fire if you are

- **a person with heart or lung disease**, such as heart failure, angina, ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema or asthma.
- **an older adult**, which makes you more likely to have heart or lung disease than younger people.
- **caring for children, including teenagers**, because their respiratory systems are still developing, they breathe more air (and air pollution) per pound of body weight than adults, they're more likely to be active outdoors, and they're more likely to have asthma.
- **a person with diabetes**, because you are more likely to have underlying cardiovascular disease.
- **a pregnant woman**, because there could be potential health effects for both you and the developing fetus.

To add to the inequities, people with preexisting conditions are often more affected by the effects of smoke inhalation.

A lot of these conditions are commonly faced by unhoused people.

A Possible Solution

As a result, some cities resorted to finding shelter spaces for unhoused people last year.

Clatsop County was unfortunately not one of them.



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the official page of Lane County Health & Human Services. The post is dated 23 minutes ago and is public. The main text of the post reads: "A temporary daytime shelter has been established at the Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds) 796 W 13th Ave. They plan to be open 8:00am-8:00pm September 9, 2020." The post has received 5 likes and a comment from a user named 'freakkianci'. The comment says, "Because everyone knows the smoke leaves at 8:01 PM". The post also includes a heart icon, a comment icon, a share icon, and a bookmark icon. At the bottom, there is a text input field for a comment and a 'Post' button.

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Our Mission

Come up with an action plan as to what we can do to help unhoused people in the time of wildfires.

- Where can people go?
- What barriers do we face?
- How do we overcome these barriers?