



# Wildfire Weatherization Tips

Help keep your family safe from air-quality emergencies caused by wildfire smoke. Proper weatherization can help you stay safe and comfortable during these events.



- When smoke is present, think about replacing or cleaning your filters more frequently. Consider temporarily replacing HVAC system filters with high-efficiency ones.
- HVAC system fans must run continuously to help filter air.
- When possible, avoid the following to decrease the number of fine particles in the air:
  - **Chemical cleaners & sprays**
  - **Smoking & vacuuming**
  - **Frying or boiling food**
  - **Using range hood and bathroom exhaust fans**
- Place damp towels at bottom of exterior doors and consider sealing mail slots to help keep smoke out.
- Inspect external doors & windows for air leaks. Use caulk & weather-stripping to seal any drafty spots.
- Run portable air purifiers with a HEPA filter, or temporarily tape a box fan to high-efficiency furnace filter.
- Check for air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or wiring come through walls or floors. Seal with caulk or spray foam.

If you have any concerns about sealing & ventilating, a **weatherization contractor** can assess your home & seal any leaks. They can access hard-to-reach places like attics, crawlspaces, and ductwork. They may recommend upgrading your furnace to accommodate a more effective filter or replacing old doors & windows.

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