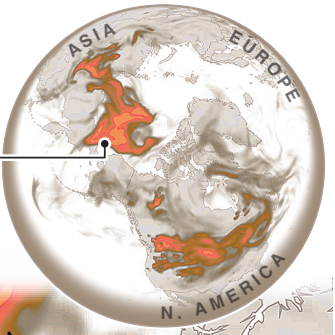
Major polluting wildfires

Wildfires continue to ravage the planet in one of the hottest years ever recorded

ORGANIC MATTER AEROSOL EMISSIONS
(with wind directions)



Map projection distorts size of pollution – see globe for true size

Siberia, Russia: Years of silkmoth infestations leave behind swathes of highly flammable deadwood

EUROPE
ASIA
AFRICA
OCEANIA
NORTH AMERICA
SOUTH AMERICA

Map as of Aug 9, 2026

British Columbia, Canada and U.S. northwest: Hundreds of fast moving fires cause thousands to flee their homes

Congo Basin, Africa: Mostly intentional agricultural seasonal burning, part of savanna management, with additional illegal deforestation

Indonesia: Facing longer, more severe dry season due to ***El Niño*** – with 2026 seeing more than twice as many fires as previous El Niño in 2023. Authorities are employing cloud-seeding aircraft to try to induce rainfall

Sources: Copernicus Fire Emissions Watch/CAMS/ECMWF, news reports

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