

CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN!

Wood burning is a serious health matter. During winter, smoke from residential wood burning – whether it is a fireplace, wood stove, pellet stove, wood-burning insert or outdoor chimineas and fire pits – puts dangerous emissions into the air, including particulate matter.

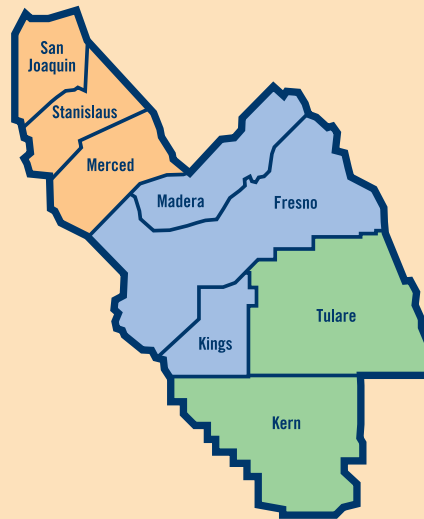
You can check your county's wood-burning status from November 1 through the end of February in several ways:

- Call:
1-800-SMOG INFO (1-800-766-4463)
- Visit www.valleyair.org/CBYB
- Through your local newscast or in your local paper.
- Through the free iPhone app, *search Valley Air*

It is YOUR responsibility to find out if you can burn on any given day. If you burn when it is prohibited, you will face fines and penalties.

A prohibition applies to any indoor or outdoor device which burns solid fuel, such as wood, wood pellets or manufactured wood logs. This includes open hearth fireplaces, EPA certified stoves and inserts, pellet stoves, and outdoor chimineas and fire pits.

For more information, visit www.valleyair.org
or contact the nearest District office.



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This winter, live a healthy air life!

Make ONE change. Check Before You Burn!

Even low levels of wood burning can create a health problem for you, your family and neighbors. Wood burning produces particulate matter, a dangerous form of air pollution that can invade your bloodstream and cause respiratory disease, heart attacks and stroke.



Each winter, Check Before You Burn lets you know what air quality is in your county and whether you are permitted to burn. Residences with no other source of heat or no access to piped-in natural gas are exempt from these prohibitions. (Propane tanks are not considered natural gas).

There are two forecast levels:



This means burning wood is illegal.



This means if you must burn, burn cleanly.

If you burn on a "prohibited" day, you will face fines and penalties.

On days when you are allowed to burn, please burn cleanly: Use dry, seasoned hardwood, pellets or manufactured firelogs.

And you can always use your gas stove or insert.

The Air District will *always* encourage you to burn cleaner.

In fact, the Air District can help you purchase a cleaner-burning device. The Burn Cleaner wood stove change-out program offers incentives for replacing your older, wood-burning insert or stove, or open-hearth fireplace, with a new, cleaner, certified device. Check the Air District's website at www.valleyair.org/burncleaner for more information.



Maintain your wood-burning unit

Regular servicing of your wood-burning device will ensure that your unit is producing the fewest emissions possible. You can contact your authorized Burn Cleaner retailer or a reputable chimney sweep to have your device serviced annually.

REMEMBER: Burning trash or using burn barrels is always ILLEGAL!



Gas Insert



Certified Pellet Stove



Certified Wood Stove