



VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Valley enjoyed a cleaner 2016-2017 wood burning season with fewer restrictions

The 14th winter of the Valley's residential wood-burning program ended with record improvement in air quality.

"We are moving in the right direction thanks to the cooperation of Valley residents and their investments in cleaner devices," said Seyed Sadredin, the District's executive director and air pollution control officer. "Together with the increased funding for the Burn Cleaner program, which grants money for the purchase of cleaner devices, Check Before You Burn has had a remarkable effect on winter air quality in the Valley."

Check Before You Burn runs each winter from November through February and helps minimize the build-up of harmful fine particle pollution in the Valley. Each day during this period, a wood-burning declaration is issued for every county in the air basin that determines what, if any, residential wood-burning devices may be used.

Violations of wood-burning curtailments can result in fines.

Valley residents choosing to switch out older wood-burning devices for a cleaner

model can still take advantage of the District's Burn Cleaner grants which provide \$1,000 for certified wood, pellet inserts, freestanding stoves or natural gas inserts or \$2,500 for eligible low-income applicants for all devices.

An additional \$500 is available to all applicants for the installation costs on a natural gas device. Visit www.valleyair.org/burncleaner for program guidelines.

Additionally, March through October, is a great time to get clean-burning devices registered ahead of next year's wood burning season. Visit www.valleyair.org/CBYBregistration for details.

Daily residential wood burning declarations ended February 28. While no formal burning restrictions will be in place until November 1, 2017, the District discourages residential wood burning.



Mark your calendar

Spring events are around the corner

- March 18 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield, 8 am.
- March 25 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Fresno County Fairgrounds, 8 am.
- April 8 - Tune In & Tune Up event: Merced County Fairgrounds, 8 am.
- April 13 - Earth Day, Modesto Junior College, West Campus, 10 am - 3pm.
- April 22 - Earth Day Fresno, Radio Park, www.earthdayfresno.org/
- April 22 - Earth Day - Visalia, Miki City Park, 9 am - 3 pm.
- April 22 - Earth Day in the Park, Graceada Park, Modesto, 10 am - 4 pm.
- April 22 - Greater Bakersfield Green Expo, Yokuts Park, 8 am - 1 pm.
- April 23 - Stockton's 29th Annual Earth Day Celebration, Victory Park 10 am - 4 pm.
- April 29 - Earth Day Tracy, Dr. Powers Park, 11 am - 2 pm.
- May 6 - Mercy Medical Center's Annual Family Festival and 5K Run. Merced, 8 am - 1 pm.
- May 12 - Earth Day, Golden Valley Health Center, Merced, 10 am - 3 pm.
- May 18 - Bike-to-Work Day, Modesto, 1010 10th St., 6:30 am - 8:30 am.

County	No Burning Unless Registered		No Burning for All		Notices of Violation	
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
San Joaquin	36	22	0	0	77	46
Stanislaus	50	30	0	0	109	44
Merced	23	23	0	0	26	19
Madera	39	33	0	0	18	16
Fresno	65	43	0	0	87	69
Kings	59	39	0	0	13	7
Tulare	44	44	0	0	27	38
Kern	48	45	0	1	47	30
Sequoia National Park & Forest	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern (Greater Frazier Park Area)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	364	281	0	1	404	269

