

# CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN!

## Wood burning is a serious health matter!

In winter, smoke from burning solid fuel at home – whether in a fireplace, wood stove, pellet stove, wood-burning insert or outdoor chimeneas and fire pits – puts dangerous materials into the air, including cancer-causing particulate matter.

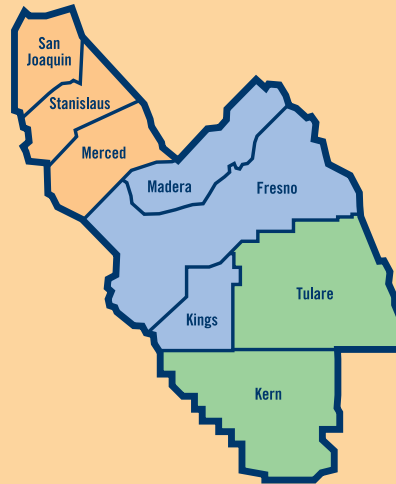
In order to protect your health and the health of all Valley residents, the Valley Air District requires all residents to check before they burn from November 1 through the end of February, you can check the wood-burning status by:

- Calling:  
1-800-SMOG INFO (1-800-766-4463)
- Online at: [www.valleyair.org/aqinfo/woodburnpage.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/aqinfo/woodburnpage.htm)
- Local newscasts or in your local paper.

## It is YOUR responsibility to find out!

There will be days where residents will be banned from burning wood. If you choose to burn anyway, you could face serious fines and penalties.

For more information on Healthy Air Living, visit [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) or call the nearest District office.



### Northern Region

*Serving San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties*  
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356-8718  
Tel: 209-557-6400 FAX: 209-557-6475  
Complaint Line: 1-800-281-7003

### Central Region (Main Office)

*Serving Madera, Fresno and Kings counties*  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726-0244  
Tel: 559-230-6000 FAX: 559-230-6061  
Complaint Line: 1-800-870-1037

### Southern Region

*Serving Tulare and Valley air basin portions of Kern counties*  
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308  
Tel: 661-392-5500 FAX: 661-392-5585  
Complaint Line: 1-800-926-5550



Please visit our web sites [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org)

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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**This winter, live a healthy air life!**

## **Make ONE change. Check Before You Burn!**

Even low-levels of wood burning (any type) can create a health problem for you, your family and neighbors.

It's easy to follow the wood-burning rule. You will see:



This means burning wood is illegal.



This means if you must burn, burn cleanly.

Burning wood of any type on NO BURN DAYS will result in serious fines and penalties.

You are excused from these prohibitions if burning solid fuel such as wood is the only way to heat your home, or if you do not have access to natural-gas service at your home.



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## **The Air District will never encourage you to burn.**

On allowable burn days, always use the cleanest fuel possible. Use dry, seasoned wood and harder woods such as oak or manufactured logs such as Duraflame because they burn cleaner.

The best way to use your fireplace is to have a gas unit or gas logs installed. The Air District offers grants to assist residents in upgrading to a cleaner gas insert or heater. Check [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org) for information on the BURN CLEANER program.



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

