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.

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 93308-9725
Tel: 661-392-5500  FAX: 661-392-5585
Complaint Line: 1-800-926-5550

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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:

- **Wood burning prohibited**
  - This means burning wood is illegal.
- **Please burn cleanly**
  - 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](http://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!**