Air pollution levels are on the rise and the Valley Air District is asking residents to curtail residential fireplace and wood stove use.

**November 15, 2002 in the...**

- **Northern Region** (Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced Counties)
- **Central Region** (Fresno, Madera, Kings Counties)
- **Southern Region** (Kern and Tulare Counties)

This voluntary request is in effect until 4 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2002.

If you must light, please do it right:
- Use only gas inserts or EPA-certified wood and pellet stoves
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood; never trash, newspapers, magazines, green or painted wood
- Choose manufactured fireplace logs over wood
- Allow the fire to receive a generous air supply
- Build small, hot fires instead of large smoldering ones

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