

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Check Before You Burn

Effective November 1 through the end of February each year, the District's Check Before You Burn program lets Valley residents know if residential wood burning is allowed in their county each day, based on air quality and the type of wood-burning device they have in their home.

There are three curtailment levels:

- No Burning for All – No residential wood burning is allowed, except where wood burning is the sole source of heat or no natural gas service exists (exemptions only apply to indoor devices).
- No Burning Unless Registered – Applies only to residents who own cleaner-burning EPA Certified wood and pellet-fueled devices, and have registered them with the Valley Air District (open hearth fireplaces, older non-certified wood stoves/inserts and outdoor devices cannot be registered or used at this curtailment level).
- Burning Discouraged – In an effort to protect public health, Valley residents are discouraged but not prohibited from residential wood burning.

To find the wood-burning status in your area:

- Call 1-800-SMOG-INFO (1-800-766-4463)
- Visit www.valleyair.org/CBYB
- Through the *Valley Air* app

Outdoor wood-burning devices are still subject to daily restrictions. For more detailed information on the District's Rule 4901 and the associated Check Before You Burn program, visit www.valleyair.org/rule4901.

Burn Cleaner

Valley residents can save up to \$3,000 to change out their old wood or pellet-burning device with a new, cleaner option through the District's Burn Cleaner incentive program. For more information visit: www.valleyair.org/burncleaner



District seeks to fill seats on EJAG

The District's Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) is in search of an Ethnic Small Business owner and a Merced County At-Large Representative, to fill two vacancies on their board. EJAG provides guidance to the District in its effort to integrate environmental justice principles and goals into its public health and air quality programs, policies and activities.

Interested applicants must be residents of the San Joaquin Valley with experience and interest in air quality issues representing ethnic and/or disadvantaged communities.

The deadline to apply is October 31 by 5pm. An application and complete information on the application process can be found at: www.valleyair.org/EJAG

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