

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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2020-2021 Winter Residential Wood Burning Season Ends

The District concluded its 2020-2021 Check Before You Burn program on February 28, thanking Valley residents who acknowledge the health benefits of the rule and seek alternatives to wood burning.

Check Before You Burn takes place each winter in an effort to protect the public from exposure to unhealthy levels of PM2.5 caused by residential wood burning. From November through February the District issues a daily wood-burning declaration and restrictions, based on the air quality forecast for each county. While

residential wood burning restrictions are not in place from March through October, Valley residents are asked to continue to refrain from burning any solid fuel.

Funding is still available for Valley residents to upgrade open-hearth fireplaces and older wood stoves to natural gas inserts or electric heat pumps by taking advantage of the District's Burn Cleaner incentive program, which provides up to \$3,000 for cleaner devices.

For additional information, visit valleyair.org/cbyb



Community Steering Committee members sought for Arvin/Lamont

The California Air Resources Board recently confirmed the District's recommendation of Arvin/Lamont as the next community selected in the San Joaquin Valley to benefit from additional resources provided by AB 617, the Community Air Protection Program.

Now in its third year of implementation, the program aims to improve quality of life for the state's most disadvantaged communities through community-led efforts that identify and address local air pollution concerns.

The District invites residents, businesses and other community stakeholders from the Arvin/Lamont area to participate in the formation of a community steering committee that will assess community needs and work on a Community Air Monitoring Plan and Community Emissions Reduction Program during the upcoming year.

More info at:

community.valleyair.org/selected-communities/arvin-lamont

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