

RESIDENTIAL WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Wood burning is a serious health matter that directly and adversely impacts the health of Valley residents.

During winter, smoke from residential wood burning – whether it's in a fireplace, woodstove, pellet stove, wood-burning insert or outdoor chimineas and fire pits – puts dangerous emissions into the air.

Each winter, from **November 1 through the end of February**, the District issues a daily residential wood-burning status for each county, letting residents know if they can burn. The restrictions do not apply to outdoor bonfires or burning to dispose of materials, both of which are illegal.

Rule 4901 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, stoves and inserts, pellet stoves, and outdoor chimineas and fire pits.

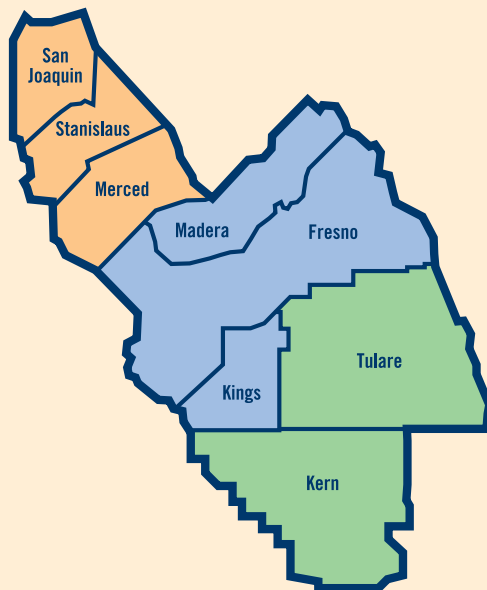
You can find the wood-burning status several ways:



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

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.

For more information, visit 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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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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Protect Public Health. Please Don't Burn!

Wood burning puts dangerous particulate matter into the Valley's skies. This form of pollution can cause respiratory infections, lung disease, heart attacks and strokes.

Each winter, the District lets you know if residential wood burning is allowed in your county on any given day, based on air quality and the type of wood-burning device you have in your home.

Residences with no other source of heat or no access to piped-in natural gas (even if you use propane) are exempt from these restrictions. However, **outdoor wood-burning devices at all residences are still subject to the daily restrictions**, regardless of exemption status.

If your gas stove or insert does NOT burn wood or pellets, you can use it anytime.

There are three burn status levels:



No one can burn at their residence.



If you have a registered, clean-burning device, you can burn wood or pellets at your residence.



If you must burn, please ensure your firewood is clean, seasoned and dry. Unseasoned wood smolders and creates additional emissions, and may result in a fine.



Switch to a Cleaner Device

Valley residents that choose to change-out their wood-burning fireplace with a gas device or electric heat pump can get significant savings! Find out how much you can qualify for at valleyair.org/change-out.

Maintain Your Wood-burning Device

Regular servicing of your wood-burning device will keep it burning cleanly and efficiently, and produce the fewest emissions possible. You can contact an authorized Change-Out retailer or a reputable chimney sweep to have your device serviced annually.



Register: To register your clean-burning device, visit valleyair.org/deviceregistration.

Burning Trash or Using Burn Barrels is Illegal

Never burn trash, magazines, newspapers, plastics, yard waste or other materials in any indoor or outdoor wood-burning device. Doing so is illegal and hazardous.



Gas Insert



Pellet Stove



Wood Stove