



WOOD BURNING ADVISORY

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's wood burning regulations are in effect in all nine Bay Area counties. Whenever the Air District calls a Spare the Air Alert, wood burning, including that done in fireplaces, is illegal until the alert is lifted. You can sign up to receive air alerts on the District's website at www.sparetheair.org. Local TV news and newspapers also announce Spare The Air Day warnings. Individuals can make a complaint about wood smoke pollution by calling the air district's hotline at 1-877-4NO-BURN.

Additionally, the American Lung Association in California is asking the community to reduce wood burning to the maximum extent possible this winter. Wood burning produces high levels of particle pollution in our air. The particles that are most commonly found in wood smoke can increase asthma attacks, hospitalizations and premature death. These particles are linked to lung cancer and heart disease. The elderly, children and those with lung and heart disease are at greatest risk. Wood smoke pollution is the largest source of pollution in the wintertime. For more information about the harmful effects of air pollution please visit the American Lung Association website at www.lungusa.org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

*Please help by doing your part to keep our air clean by burning less.
The health of our community depends on it!*