

RESIDENTIAL WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION

Wood burning is a serious health matter.

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.

Here are the three daily burn status options and what they mean:



No one can burn at their residence.



In order to legally burn on days when this status is declared, you MUST register your device. Look inside this brochure for details.



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.

These apply to any indoor or outdoor device that burns solid fuel, such as wood, wood pellets or manufactured wood logs. Device can include 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 not allowed, you could face fines.

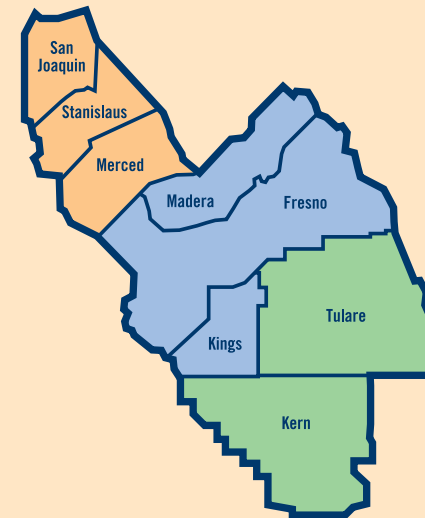


Valley residents who choose to switch their wood-burning device with a cleaner device, such as an electric heat pump or a natural gas insert or stove, can get significant savings!

To apply or more information, visit valleyair.org/change-out.



For more information, visit valleyair.org or contact the nearest District office.



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REGISTER YOUR WOOD BURNING DEVICE



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

valleyair.org/deviceregistration

Registering Your Wood-Burning Device

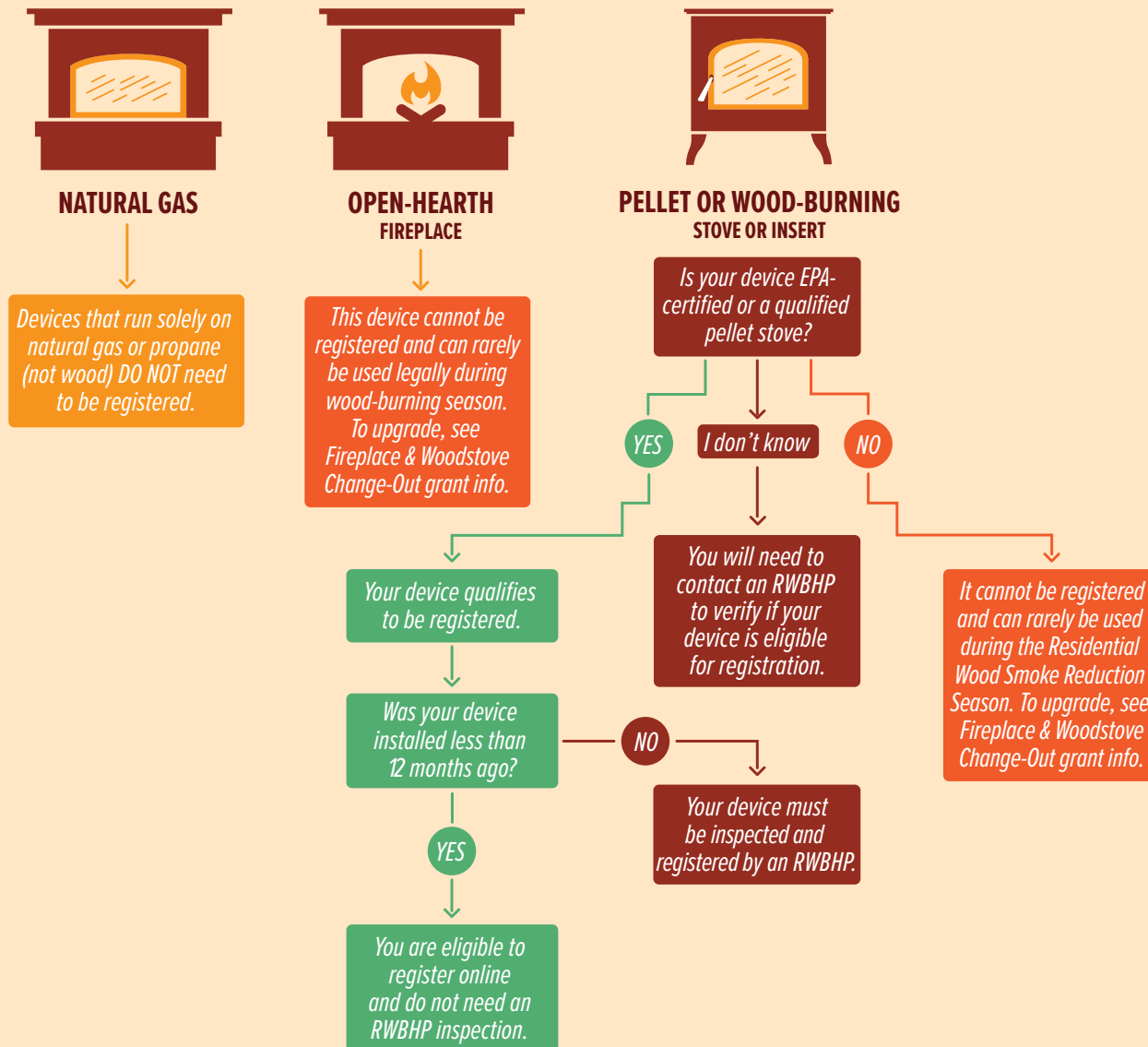
In order to use your clean certified-wood or pellet-burning device on days when the wood-burning status is "No Burning Unless Registered", you must register your device.

- » If the EPA-certified device was installed more than 12 months ago, it will need to be inspected and registered by a Registered Wood Burning Heater Professional (RWBHP). To get the list of RWBHPs, visit valleyair.org/deviceregistration and answer a few questions to determine your registration option.
- » If the EPA-certified device was installed less than 12 months ago, make sure you indicate that when you register at valleyair.org/deviceregistration. This will allow you to register without an inspection.

PLEASE NOTE: Residences with no access to piped-in natural gas (even if you use propane) are not required to register their device and there are no restrictions on when you can burn for heating in your home. However, burning in an outdoor wood-burning device is still subject to wood-burning curtailments.

Registration is voluntary. If you choose to significantly restrict the use of your device and only burn when the District declares "Burning Discouraged," then registration is not necessary.

How do I Know if I Should Register My Device?



Additional Things to Know

- For full registration of your device it must be:
- » Located in the San Joaquin Valley air basin
 - » An EPA-certified, wood-burning device or EPA-exempt pellet stove
 - » Inspected by an independent, District-Registered Wood Burning Heater Professional (RWBHP) every three years

Each registration carries a nominal fee from the District, in addition to any charges you pay to the RWBHP for inspection services.

The RWBHP will inspect and verify that your device:

- » Qualifies to be registered
- » Is in good working condition
- » Is clean and maintained according to manufacturer recommendations

Before having your device inspected, please note these important details:

- » RWBHPs are independent contractors and not employees of the Valley Air District
- » Shop around and compare prices
- » Work quality may vary so check references
- » Follow manufacturer maintenance recommendations
- » Review device installation warranty if applicable