

# Spare the Air Winter Imagery For Use

**WOOD BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED  
indoors or outdoors during a  
Spare the Air Alert**

## SMOKE IS SMOKE

Wood smoke, like wildfire smoke, has negative health impacts. Wood burning devices are an inefficient way to heat the home and create unhealthy indoor and outdoor air quality. The Air District encourages residents to not burn wood and instead, use cleaner, more efficient heating devices such as electric heaters or high-efficiency heat pumps.

Wood burning can create unhealthy air quality in your home and throughout your neighborhood and the region.

**1 in 7**

**BAY AREA RESIDENTS SUFFER  
FROM A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS**

Wood smoke has immediate and long-term health impacts and is particularly harmful to children, the elderly, and people with heart and lung conditions.

**1-877-4NO-BURN**  
[www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org)

File a wood smoke complaint:  
[baaqmd.gov/complaints](http://baaqmd.gov/complaints)



## RELATIVE EMISSIONS OF FINE PARTICULATE MATTER FOR VARIOUS HEATING DEVICES



Woodburning  
Fireplace

Uncertified  
Woodstove

EPA Certified  
Woodstove

Gas Furnace

Electric Heat

VERY DIRTY

VERY CLEAN

INFOGRAPHIC ADAPTED FROM EPA BURN WISE



## SMOKE POLLUTES OUR COMMUNITY

**Indoor and Outdoor Burning is Not Allowed  
During a Spare The Air Alert**

### INDOOR BURNING

Fireplaces do not efficiently heat your home. The Air District encourages residents to not burn wood and instead choose cleaner heating devices (e.g., electric heater, high-efficiency heat pump).

### OUTDOOR & BACKYARD BURNING

Burning wood in backyard firepits and chimineas can cause smoke to build up in neighborhoods, which has a negative impact on everyone in your community and the region's air quality.



## All Smoke Is Bad For Your Lungs

Burning painted or treated wood, particle board, plastics, wrapping paper, green waste, or other garbage is never allowed



### SPARE THE AIR ALERTS

are called when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy, and wood burning is not allowed. Find out if a Spare the Air Alert is in effect:

**1-877-4NO-BURN (1-877-466-2876)**  
[www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org)

File a wood smoke or a general air quality complaint: [baaqmd.gov/complaints](http://baaqmd.gov/complaints)

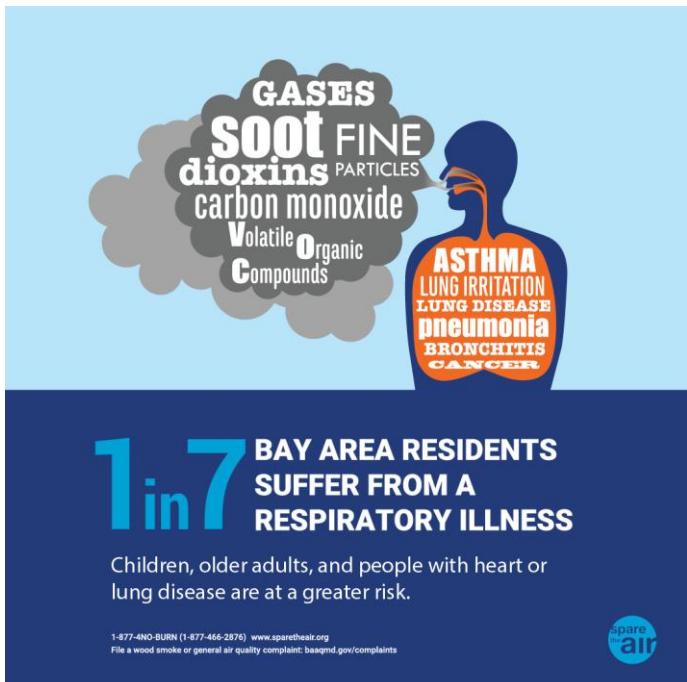
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