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Event location changed

Launch of annual wood-burning curtailment campaign to include demonstration of clean burning devices and information on proposed fireplace restrictions

What: The Valley Air District is hosting a news conference in Modesto to launch the Please Don't Light Tonight program, to explain proposed restrictions on wood-burning fireplaces, and to demonstrate the difference in emissions between clean-burning, certified equipment and conventional, non-certified equipment.

When: 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2002

Where: Because rain is forecast for Friday, the location for this event has changed. The new location is: Salida Park picnic shelter (Broadway and Magnolia in Salida)



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Salida exit off 99 going West.
Four blocks down at the corner of
Broadway and Magnolia.

More information on:

The Air District's annual "Please Don't Light Tonight" campaign. This campaign asks Valley residents to voluntarily refrain from burning wood when wintertime pollution reaches unhealthy levels. This year's program is voluntary. Next year's program likely will be mandatory.

Clean-burning alternatives available to Valley residents. **Clean-burning gas, pellet and wood stoves and inserts will be on display to demonstrate the visible emission reductions over older devices.** Valley Air District representatives will discuss how some of these units will be exempt from future wood-burning restrictions.

A proposed Valley Air District rule to prohibit wood-burning in fireplaces, stoves and heaters on the most polluted nights; to limit the number of wood-burning devices allowed in new housing developments; and to require retrofit or retirement of non-certified wood-burning equipment upon the sale of existing homes.