

# San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

## News Release

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### ***Voluntary fireplace and wood stove restrictions in place for Monday***

The Valley Air District has issued voluntary wood-burning restrictions for Fresno and Stanislaus counties for Monday, Nov. 17 due to a forecast that air quality will be unhealthy for sensitive groups in those areas. This marks the first such request for Stanislaus county and second for Fresno since the District's wood-burning program began on Nov. 1.

The District asks that residents in Fresno and Stanislaus counties voluntarily refrain from burning wood all day and evening Monday to help improve air quality immediately. The agency also encourages those who will burn to use pellet stoves, manufactured firelogs and EPA-certified stoves or inserts to burn more cleanly.

Voluntary wood-burning restrictions are an intermediary step the District uses to slow the unhealthy buildup of airborne particles from wood-burning devices. With the public's cooperation, the District hopes to avoid air quality deteriorating further and necessitating mandatory wood-burning prohibitions.

Air quality for western Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Tulare counties is forecast to be moderate for Monday. As a result, no restrictions are necessary for those areas. The District, however, reminds residents in all parts of the Valley not to burn trash, newspapers, magazines or treated wood in their fireplaces or stoves.

More information on the District's fireplace and wood stove program is available at [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).