



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Air District lifts *Winter Spare the Air* Alert

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has lifted the *Winter Spare the Air Alert* that was issued on Sunday, January 4.

Bay Area residents are now allowed to burn wood in wood stoves and fireplaces.

“The Winter Spare the Air Alert issued yesterday helped the Bay Area avoid an exceedance of federal air quality standards,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The wood burning rule is working as intended – improving air quality and protecting public health.”

Today, Bay Area air quality is forecast to be in the good to moderate range on the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Air Quality Index. The Air District recommends that residents burn only clean, dry wood in short, hot fires with plenty of air, in order to prevent dirty smoke from chimneys or flues.

The daily air-quality status and details on exemptions from the Wood Burning Rule can be found:

- On the Air District Web sites: www.baaqmd.gov or www.sparetheair.org
- Via the toll-free hotline 1-877-4-NO-BURN
- By signing up for AirAlerts at www.sparetheair.org or by signing up for phone alerts at 1-800-430-1515.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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