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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Landlords and property sellers soon subject to fireplace disclosure rule**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is requiring a new *Residential Fireplace Disclosure* for anyone selling or leasing property with a wood-burning device in the nine-county Bay Area region.

Beginning June 1, anyone selling or leasing residential property within the Bay Area will be required to disclose the health hazards of wood smoke, as part of the signed disclosure documents in real estate purchase or rental transactions.

Last fall, the Air District adopted amendments to its wood burning rule to further reduce fine particulate emissions, or PM<sub>2.5</sub>, from residential wood burning. One amendment requires a *Residential Fireplace Disclosure* to be included that details the health impacts of wood smoke from wood burning fireplaces and inserts, encourages cleaner home heating options and provides information about the Winter Spare the Air program.

Fine particle pollution is one of the biggest health threats to Bay Area residents in the winter months. The wood burning rule has been effective in reducing fine particle pollution in the region and in helping to raise awareness of the air quality health hazards of wood smoke.

The Air District has published a compliance advisory that details the amendment and also provides approved disclosure language for property sellers and landlords subject to this rule. The [\*Residential Fireplace Disclosure\*](#) is available at [www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/wood-smoke](http://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/wood-smoke).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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