



MEDIA ADVISORY

LINKED GRAPHIC: New Winter Spare the Air logo for media use. Please use when reporting on Winter Spare the Air Alerts.

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A Winter Spare the Air Alert continues through Friday, November 16, due to smoke impacts from the Butte County fire

Use of wood-burning devices is prohibited

SAN FRANCISCO – As a reminder, due to heavy smoke in the Bay Area from the extensive Camp Fire in Butte County, the Air District has extended the Winter Spare the Air Alert through Friday, November 16.

Burning wood, including manufactured fire logs or any other solid fuel, indoors or outdoors, is banned during this extended Winter Spare the Air Alert.

The Bay Area is continuing to experience heavy smoke from the Camp Fire in Butte County. Air quality continues to be unhealthy through much of the region and these conditions are expected to persist through Friday at least. While weather conditions will vary at times during the week, air quality is expected to remain unhealthy because there is so much smoke trapped at the surface and surrounding the region.

The public should limit outdoor activity as much as possible during this alert and continue to listen to health information from their local authorities. If air quality is unhealthy in your area, **the first and best option is to stay indoors with windows and doors closed**. Masks should not be used instead of remaining indoors, but if worn, they should be a new, clean N95 mask or greater, securely strapped for a tight seal. Masks are not suitable for men with beards or young children.

Follow current air quality on our [Air Monitoring Data](#) web page.

It is illegal for Bay Area residents and businesses to use their fireplaces, woodstoves, pellet stoves, outdoor fire pits or any other wood-burning devices during a Winter Spare the Air Alert. Exemptions are available for homes without permanently installed heating, where woodstoves or fireplaces are the only source of heat. Anyone whose sole source of heat is a wood-burning device must use an EPA-certified or pellet-fueled device that is registered with the Air District to qualify for an exemption. An open-hearth fireplace no longer qualifies for an exemption.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#). For more information about Spare the Air, visit www.sparetheair.org.

Attached is the new Winter Spare the Air logo for media outlets to use.

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