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## First fireplace prohibition of the season for Merced county

A Check Before You Burn **No Burning Unless Registered** wood-burning curtailment is in effect for **Friday, Nov. 9** in **San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and the Valley air basin portion of Kern Counties.** A Check Before You Burn **No Burning Unless Registered** wood-burning curtailment is in effect for **Saturday, Nov. 10** in **San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, and Tulare Counties.** A Check Before You Burn **No Burning For All** wood-burning curtailment is in effect for **Saturday, Nov. 10** in **Kings County.**

It is the first residential wood-burning curtailment of the season for Merced County.

The daylong mandatory curtailment is in place through midnight Friday and Saturday and prohibits the use of unregistered wood-burning devices because of poor air quality. The curtailment applies to burning wood and pellets in unregistered stoves and fireplace inserts as well as burning wood, pellets and manufactured fire logs in fireplaces or outdoor burning devices such as fire pits and chimeneas.

The daily wood-burning status is issued by county and residents can visit [www.valleyair.org/CBYB](http://www.valleyair.org/CBYB) to see which of these three possible declarations is in place for their county:



No Burning curtailment: No one can burn at their residence.



No Burning Unless Registered curtailment: Residents must register their emission-compliant wood-burning device with the District by visiting [www.valleyair.org/CBYBregistration](http://www.valleyair.org/CBYBregistration) in order to use their device during this declaration.



No Restrictions, Burning Discouraged: If burning is absolutely necessary, residents should use manufactured logs, dry/seasoned wood, pellets or a clean-burning device.

To learn more about Check Before You Burn or apply to get funding for a cleaner device, visit [www.valleyair.org/Rule4901](http://www.valleyair.org/Rule4901).