

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## Wood-burning heater professionals needed Workshop July 28

The Valley Air District will hold a free training workshop on July 28 for enterprising individuals interested in being placed on the District's list of Registered Wood Burning Heater Professionals (RWBHP).

In accordance with recent amendments to the "Check Before You Burn" rule, Valley residents planning to use clean-burning wood and pellet-fueled devices this winter need to register their devices with the Air District. Verification by a RWBHP with appropriate credentials will be necessary to complete the registration process.

Residents who own EPA Phase II certified wood-burning and pellet-fueled stoves and inserts will contact RWBHPs from a list posted on the Valley Air District's website.

The RWBHPs will inspect and verify that the device is in good working condition. Registering the device allows the resident to burn during the period from November 1 through the end of February, when the daily wood burning status for their county is "No Burning Unless Registered."

During the training workshop, District staff will explain the process for becoming a RWBHP; outlining the requirements, experience and certifications that may be necessary and the specific duties to be performed when inspecting and verifying residential wood burning devices for Valley residents.

"The Air District is helping boost the local economy by creating a pool of professionals that will provide a necessary service for Valley residents who are helping improve our air by investing in clean-burning devices,"

said Seyed Sadredin, air pollution control officer. "We want to make sure that an adequate number of registered heater professionals are available to the community so that residents will be able to use their devices when they need to."

While the District's training workshop is open to all interested individuals with a business license, business owners who may seek to expand their current services with wood-burning heater inspections might include, but are not limited to:

- Chimney sweeps
- Wood and pellet stove installers
- Licensed construction contractors

The training workshop will be video teleconferenced between all three regional offices of the Valley Air District in Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield, Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 PM. For more information, email [public.education@valleyair.org](mailto:public.education@valleyair.org).

The District has also partnered with the National Fireplace Institute to host a training course, August 13-14 in each District office. Completion of the course will provide the necessary credentials to become a RWBHP. To register for this course, go to: [http://nficertified.org/pages\\_industry/reviewlocations.cfm?affil=pacific](http://nficertified.org/pages_industry/reviewlocations.cfm?affil=pacific).



## Artists needed for 2016 Calendar Contest

Each year the Valley Air District creates a 13-month bilingual calendar featuring Healthy Air Living messages and the creative artwork of San Joaquin Valley elementary and high school students.

20,000 Healthy Air Living kids' calendars are distributed to schools, libraries, businesses and public agencies across the Valley's 8 counties every year.

The District will select 14 artists for the 2016 edition; so, get out your markers, crayons and paints to start your clean-air masterpiece!

Some examples of Healthy Air Living messages:

- Healthy air starts with me!
- Ride your bike, skateboard or scooter
- Check Before You Burn
- Drive Clean with an electric car
- Make one change for healthy air!
- Turn the Key and be idle-free!
- Carpool or walk to work and school

Deadline for entry is October 5, 2015.

Find the entry form and rules at: <http://valleyair.org/kidscalendar>.