

**Subject:** Winter Spare the Air Alert – Monday, January 17, 2011

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The Bay Area Air District has issued a Winter Spare the Air Alert for Monday, January 17, 2011, which bans wood burning both indoors and outdoors through tomorrow morning.

Air quality in the Bay Area is forecast to be unhealthy. It is illegal for Bay Area residents to burn wood in fireplaces, wood stoves and inserts, pellet stoves, and outdoor fire-pits. This wood-burning ban will be in effect for Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southern Sonoma and southwestern Solano Counties.

You will receive an AirAlert email each day that a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

Winter air pollution is mainly caused by tiny particles, or soot, from wood smoke. Smoke from wood-burning fires is linked to illnesses such as asthma, bronchitis and lung disease, and is especially harmful for children and the elderly.

For more information about the Wood Burning Rule, or to check before you burn, visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org) or call 1-877-4-NO-BURN.

You can also call 1-800-430-1515 and register to receive automatic phone calls when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

To see the current air quality forecast, visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

Thank you for doing your part to Spare the Air!

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