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Installation of Wood-Burning Devices

- Bay Area residents who begin a chimney or fireplace remodeling project that costs over \$15,000 and requires a building permit will only be allowed to install a gas-fueled, electric or EPA-certified device.
- No wood-burning devices of any kind may be installed in new homes or buildings being constructed in the Bay Area.

For more information please visit the Air District's website at:
<http://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/wood-smoke>

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
REGULATION 6
PARTICULATE MATTER AND VISIBLE EMISSIONS
RULE 3
WOOD-BURNING DEVICES

6-3-303 Sale, Resale, Transfer or Installation of Wood-Burning Devices: Effective December 1, 2015, no person shall advertise, sell, offer for sale or resale, supply, install or transfer a new or used wood-burning device intended for use within District boundaries unless the device meets or exceeds the requirements of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA. This requirement does not apply if a wood-burning device is an installed fixture included in the sale or transfer of any real property.

6-3-304 Disclosure Requirements for Real Property: Effective June 1, 2016, any person selling, renting or leasing real property shall provide sale or rental disclosure documents that describe the health hazards of PM_{2.5} from burning wood or any solid fuel as a source of heat. Disclosure documents must disclose PM_{2.5} health hazards in accordance with guidance made available on the District's website.

6-3-305 Requirements for Rental Properties: Effective November 1, 2018, all real property offered for lease or rent in areas with natural gas service shall have a permanently-installed form of heat that does not burn solid fuel.

6-3-306 Requirements for New Building Construction: Effective November 1, 2016, no person or builder shall install a wood-burning device in a new building construction.

6-3-307 Requirements for Remodeling a Fireplace or Chimney: Effective November 1, 2016, no person shall remodel a fireplace or chimney unless a gas-fueled, electric, or EPA certified device is installed that meets requirements in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Subpart AAA. This requirement is triggered by a fireplace or chimney remodel where a total cost exceeds \$15,000. And requires a local building permit. The total cost excludes the cost of a building permit.