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Wood Burning Status

Friday, 2/10

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2 Day Forecast

Air Quality Forecast

Thursday, February 09 at 12:47 PM

Fri

Sat

North Counties

32

G

Coast and Central Bay

39

G

Eastern District

36
G
South Central Bay
39
G
Santa Clara Valley
49
G

Read an explanation of the color-coded [AQI scale](#) categories used in the air quality forecast.

View the extended [Five-Day Air Quality Forecast](#).

Find out which [reporting zone](#) your city is located in.

PM Exceedances


Winter 2011-12


Winter Spare the Air Alerts
15
National 24-Hour PM2.5 Excess Days
10
National 24-Hour PM10 Excess Days
0
California 24-Hour PM10 Excess Days
0

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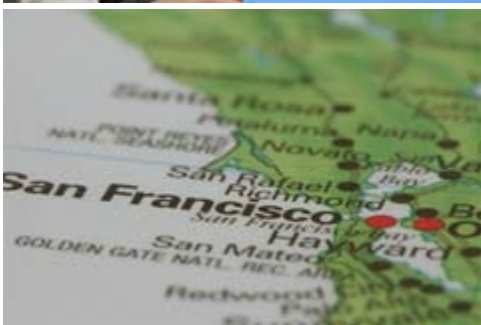
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Spare the Air in the San Francisco Bay Area



The 2011/2012 [Winter Spare the Air](#) season runs from November 1 through February 29.

Each day by 2 p.m., the Air District will issue an [air quality forecast](#) for the next day. If air quality is forecast to be [unhealthy](#), a *Winter Spare the Air Alert* will be called. The alert will be in effect the entire next day, for a full 24 hours.

During a *Winter Spare the Air Alert*, the use of fireplaces, pellet stoves, wood stoves, fireplace inserts and outdoor fire pits is illegal.

The Air District will also call [Recommended No-Burn Days](#) in an effort to reduce levels of fine particles, or soot, and to prevent the need to call mandatory *Winter Spare the Air Alerts* that ban wood burning.

During the winter season, wood smoke is the largest source of harmful [soot pollution](#). On this website, residents can find information about the [health effects of wood smoke](#), as well as detailed information about the [Wood Burning Rule](#) and how to [comply with it](#). Here are answers to some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Winter Spare the Air program.

You can also file a [wood smoke complaint online](#).

Check Before You Burn

To find out if a *Winter Spare the Air Alert* is in effect, residents and business owners who own or use any indoor or outdoor fireplace, fire pit or wood or pellet stove can do the following:

- Call 1-877-4NO-BURN (1-877-466-2876)
- Sign up for automatic phone alerts by calling 1-800-430-1515
- Sign up for [email AirAlerts](#)
- Follow [@SpareTheAir on Twitter](#) and become a fan of [“Spare the Air, Bay Area” on Facebook](#)
- Download the [Spare the Air widget](#)

Spare the Air Every Day

Walk or Ride

Walking or [riding a bike](#) combines your daily exercise and your commute - save money and improve your health too!

Take Transit

The Bay Area has many transit options, many of which have wireless access and most use [Clipper](#). Take the bus, ferry or train and you will save gas, money and stress. Find the fastest route on [Trip Planner](#).

Carpool

Find your [rideshare match](#) at 511.org. Carpooling is one of the best ways to reduce air pollution from commuting, and you can exhale your day or catch up with colleagues and neighbors along the way.

Skip a Trip or Link Your Errands

Combine trips or eliminate one altogether. Your car emits more pollution when you start your car after it has been sitting for about an hour. By grouping your errands, you reduce the ‘cold starts’; plus you'll save gas and time by eliminating extra trips.

Drive Smart

A well maintained, well driven vehicle will get you much better gas mileage, especially if you avoid congested routes. Try out [these tips](#) to see firsthand.

Although the official 2011 [Spare the Air smog season](#) runs from May 2 through September, we encourage Bay Area residents and commuters to Spare the Air Every Day!

News

Recent Air Quality

View daily summaries of air quality for the weeks of:

[Jan. 23-29](#)

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New Health Research

[New studies](#) confirm that fine particle pollution is a threat to the cardiovascular health of Californians.

New iPhone App



Visit the Apple App Store to [download our new app](#) and get Spare the Air Alerts and air quality forecasts on your iPhone.

Spare the Air Podcasts and Videos

Listen to Air District [podcasts](#) or watch [videos](#) about air quality related topics.

Winter Spare the Air Materials

Download and print [informational materials](#) about the Winter Spare the Air season and the Air District's Wood Burning Rule.

Clean Air Choice Cars - 2012

In the market for a car? Refer to a list of [Clean Air Choice](#) vehicles for 2012.

Drive Clean

The California Air Resources Board has developed a [searchable guide](#) to the cleanest, most efficient motor vehicles. Your choice of personal transportation can make an air quality difference, helping to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in the Bay Area.

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