

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
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AQMD Ban on Wood Burning

In the Orange County Register for Thursday, December 3rd was the following news article relating to outdoor recreational wood-burning fires:

Orange County Register – December 3, 2015

By Louis Casiano Jr.

STAFF WRITER

Wood-burning ban in effect today, AQMD says

A wood-burning ban was placed on Orange County and the surrounding areas for today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District said.

Indoor and outdoor wood burning will be prohibited through midnight due to high air pollution expected today. The ban also applies to manufactured fire logs, like ones made from wax paper.

Particles in wood smoke can get inside the lungs and cause respiratory illness and increases in hospital emergency room visits.

The agency monitors the South Coast Air Basin, which includes all of Orange County and portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Areas not affected by the ban include mountain communities above 3000 feet, the Coachella Valley and the High Desert. Households with natural gas service, that are considered low-income or rely on wood as the sole source of heat are exempt from the ban.

Gas and other non-wood burning fireplaces are not prohibited.

For more information go to aqmd.gov.