



Advisory

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Spare the Air TONIGHT! Air quality is forecast to be unhealthy

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is issuing a *Spare the Air Tonight* Advisory for this evening, Monday, January 1, 2007 through Tuesday morning. Forecasts predict that particulate pollution concentrations will reach unhealthy levels. The Air District is asking Bay Area residents **to not burn wood and to limit their driving** tonight and tomorrow morning. This is the **thirteenth** alert this season and the second consecutive day. This surpasses the highest number of alerts issued by the Air District.

There is no free transit during the Spare the Air Tonight season.

"The tiny particles in wood smoke and vehicle exhaust can cause serious health problems," said Air District Executive Officer Jack Broadbent. "Let's begin the new year with fresh, clean, wood-smoke-free air."

Heavy concentrations of particulate matter continue to build throughout the region. Woodsmoke is a major contributing factor. This small particle pollution represents a significant health hazard for the general public, and is especially dangerous for the very young, the elderly, and for people with respiratory or cardiovascular disease. Protect yourself, your family and your community by not burning wood.

It's a new year— make a resolution to keep the air clean. Include clean air choices to your list of New Year's resolutions. Convert your wood burning fireplace to a natural gas or pellet stove. Make a commitment to drive less and consider buying a hybrid. Individual actions are vitally important to attaining and maintaining clean air in 2007.

For more information call 1-800 HELP AIR or visit our website:

www.sparetheair.org

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