



## Requirements for Woodburning Fireplaces

To reduce air pollution, the City of Menlo Park adopted Ordinance 12.48, Woodburning Appliances, regulating the installation and use of woodburning appliances – fireplaces, wood stoves and wood heaters.

### REGULATED Woodburning Appliances

- Installation of any new woodburning appliance in residential and commercial buildings.
- Reconstruction of an existing woodburning appliance.
- Additions, alterations or repairs to a woodburning appliance, except damper or firebox repairs, seismic bracing, and/or flue liner replacements where the alteration or repair will not cause the de-construction of existing fireplace, chimney, and/or flue.
- Remodels or renovations of buildings in which walls are opened within 12 inches of the woodburning appliance, including masonry fireplaces. Removal of the mantle or extensions of the chimney require compliance with the Ordinance.

### EXEMPT Appliances (the ordinance does not apply to these units)

- New and existing natural gas fireplaces, log sets, and inserts.
- Existing **unaltered** fireplaces, wood heaters and/or other woodburning appliances left untouched during construction and where the surrounding walls are left undisturbed within 12 inches of the appliance.

### REQUIREMENTS for Regulated Woodburning Appliances

- When installing a new woodburning appliance, residents or businesses must install:
  - Certified Buckley Rumsford fireplace or comparable product
  - Pellet-fueled wood heater
  - EPA certified wood heater
- When altering or repairing an existing woodburning appliance, residents or businesses must replace current woodburning appliance with:
  - Gas insert or log set
  - Certified Buckley Rumsford fireplace or comparable product
  - EcoFire Super-Grate or comparable product
  - Emission reduction device
  - Pellet-fueled wood heater
  - EPA certified wood heater

Appliances and devices should meet the **7.5 grams per hour** emission standard. For more information on these appliances, visit

[www.epa.gov/Compliance/resources/publications/monitoring/caa/woodstoves/certifiedwood.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/resources/publications/monitoring/caa/woodstoves/certifiedwood.pdf)

## FUEL RESTRICTIONS

The burning of the following fuels and materials is **prohibited** in fireplaces, wood heaters and wood stoves:

Animal or Vegetable Solids	Paints
Asphalt Products	Particleboard
Coal	Paint Solvents
Garbage	Plastic Products
Glossy or Colored Paper	Rubber Products
	Waste Petroleum

For more information, call 330-6704 or visit the City website, [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org) (See Municipal Code Section 12.48.010 to Section 12.48.080)

## WEBSITES WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON AIR QUALITY

Please visit the following websites for further information on air quality:

- Environmental Protection Agency: Certified Wood Heater List  
[www.epa.gov/Compliance/resources/publications/monitoring/caa/woodstoves/certifiedwood.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/resources/publications/monitoring/caa/woodstoves/certifiedwood.pdf)
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Woodburning/Wood Smoke Prevention)  
[www.baaqmd.gov/pio/wood\\_burning/index.asp](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pio/wood_burning/index.asp)
- Spare the Air (Woodsmoke Information) - Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
[www.sparetheair.org/data/woodsmoke\\_effects.htm](http://www.sparetheair.org/data/woodsmoke_effects.htm)
- California Air Resources Board - Smoke Management Program  
[www.arb.ca.gov/smp/smp.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/smp/smp.htm)
- California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association Public Outreach Committee  
[www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/](http://www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/)
- Environmental Protection Agency - Air Pollutants  
[www.epa.gov/air/topics/comap.html](http://www.epa.gov/air/topics/comap.html)
- Environmental Protection Agency - Indoor Air Pollution  
[www.epa.gov/ebtpages/airindoorairpollution.html](http://www.epa.gov/ebtpages/airindoorairpollution.html)