



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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South Coast AQMD Updates:

1. Check Before You Burn Season is On Its Way

Check Before You Burn season is just around the corner. Each year from November through the end of February, residents of the South Coast Air Basin are asked to check before burning wood in their fireplaces to limit emissions of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). Smoke from residential fireplaces is a significant source of PM_{2.5} during the winter months.

Residents can do their part to improve air quality by choosing not to burn wood when No-Burn Days are announced. A No-Burn day is a 24-hour ban on wood-burning in residential fireplaces, stoves, or outdoor fire pits in the South Coast Air Basin. South Coast AQMD forecasters call for residential No-Burn Days when PM_{2.5} is expected to reach elevated levels due to air emissions and stagnant weather conditions. High PM_{2.5} episodes are most common on calm and cool winter days, especially during holiday periods. Additional pollution from wood burning can turn air quality conditions on No-Burn days to “unhealthy”.

For more information, please visit our Check Before You Burn page at <https://tinyurl.com/cbyb2023>. You can also sign up for alerts at www.airalerts.org or download our mobile app for notifications.

2. Compliance Assistance Training for Businesses and Professionals

[Compliance assistance training](#) is provided by South Coast AQMD to enhance understanding of applicable air quality regulations, introduce new control technologies, and assist industry with achieving and maintaining compliance with federal, state and local clean air requirements.

Classroom Instruction

South Coast AQMD offers a variety of courses that provide participants with the opportunity to interact with South Coast AQMD compliance staff, learn more about existing and upcoming air quality regulations applicable to their industry and resources to assist industry in achieving their clean air goals. Each course is taught by experienced inspectors or other specialists with extensive knowledge of the equipment, processes and regulatory requirements associated with each topic.

Courses currently being offered by South Coast AQMD include:

- [Asbestos Demolition & Renovation](#) (Rule 1403)
- [Certified Person](#) (Rules 463 & 1178)



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- [Certified Inspector --Sumps and Wastewater Separators](#) (Rule 1176)
- [Controlling Fugitive Dust](#) (Rule 403 & 403.1)
- [Gasoline Transfer & Dispensing](#) (Rule 461)
- [Hexavalent Chromium](#) (Rule 1469)
- [Combustion Gas Portable Analyzer Training & Certification](#) (Rules 1146, 1146.1 & 1110.2)
- [Employee Transportation Coordinator \(ETC\) Training](#) (Rule 2202)

Due to the popularity of this training, all classes require pre-registration; no walk-in registration is available.

Workshops

[Chip and Grind Operators, Green Waste/Food Waste Composters, and Co-Composters](#) (Rules 1133, 1133.1, 1133.2, 1133.3)

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