

# Wood Burning in New Jersey



Wood is a renewable energy source, however, burning wood can significantly impact public health and welfare. Wood smoke emits fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which can cause lung irritation, cancer, and premature death. Smoke and odor from wood burning can also be a public nuisance. Wood burning information can be found at:

[www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/woodburning.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/woodburning.html)

and the following additional sources:

- Health Impacts of Wood Burning:  
[www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health)
- Check the Air Quality Before You Burn:  
[www.njaginow.net/](http://www.njaginow.net/)
- Control and Prohibition of Open Burning:  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm/currentrules/Sub2.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm/currentrules/Sub2.pdf)
- Proper Wood Burning Practices:  
[www.epa.gov/burnwise/](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise/)  
[www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/fire/ff\\_aboutus.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/fire/ff_aboutus.htm)
- New Jersey's Homeowner Firewood Program:  
[https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/njfs\\_firewood\\_prog.html](https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/njfs_firewood_prog.html)  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/firewood.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/firewood.pdf)
- Alternatives to Wood Burning  
[www.njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/home/home](http://www.njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/home/home)



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