

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District)  
Rule 207 – *Wood Combustion*

**Summary Rule Requirements**

1. No wood-burning device for which a building permit application is submitted may be installed in any interior space in Butte County unless it is a "District-approved" device. District-approved devices are defined in the rule as follows:
  - a. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-Certified Phase II wood burning devices. Many woodstoves and fireplace inserts currently available on the market today already meet this requirement.
  - b. Uncertified devices, which can document compliance with EPA-Phase II emission limits. The attached table of "zero clearance" fireplaces lists the District-approved devices currently available.
  - c. All Pellet-fueled wood heaters
  - d. All Dedicated gas-fired fireplaces
  - e. Other devices determined equivalent by the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO).
2. Open masonry fireplaces and pre-manufactured, zero clearance fireplaces, which do not meet the emission limits established in the rule, are not allowed in new construction.
3. **Wood burning devices in existing homes are exempt from this rule. There are no conditions placed on continued use of wood burning devices in existing homes upon the sale of an existing home.**
4. Used wood burning devices, which do not meet the established emission limits, may not be resold, or reinstalled, within the county.
5. Retailers will be requested to distribute literature containing clean burning tips and other relevant information with each sale of a wood-burning device.

Please contact the District at 891-2882 with any questions.

## DISTRICT-APPROVED ZERO CLEARANCE FIREPLACES THAT ARE NOT EPA-CERTIFIED

Zero clearance fireplaces that are not yet EPA-certified, but can document the ability to meet the EPA-Phase II emission limits according to the procedures defined in Rule 207. The following zero-clearance fireplaces have met those requirements and have been approved by the District:

Manufacturer	Model	PM <sub>10</sub> Emissions (grams/hour)
		not available
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Majco	Majestic F/FC 36	5.5
Majco	Majestic BFC 36	5.0
*Moberg/Royal Crown	MRC 3036	3.4
*Moberg/Royal Crown	MRC 3042	3.4
RSF Energy	Delta 2	3.8
RSF Energy	Opel II	2.8
RSF Energy	Omega	6.7
RSF Energy	Oracle <sup>1</sup>	7.5
*Temp-Cast	2000	3.0
<u>Renaissance Rumford</u>	<u>RR-1000</u>	<u>3.3</u>

\*(Note: this is a site-built, clean-burn masonry fireplace)

<sup>1</sup>(Note: this is a 2-sided fireplace)

The list above applies only to those devices approved for use by the District. EPA has certified some wood burning devices that are zero-clearance fireplaces and also acceptable for installation. For a list of devices certified by EPA, the most complete lists can be obtained from the EPA website at <http://epa.gov/woodstoves/basic.html> or via the link on the District website at [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org).

If you have a question about a fireplace not specifically identified above, you may also check the unit to see if it has an EPA certification tag. Units with EPA certification tags qualify as District-approved devices. If the device is not listed above and has no EPA certification tag, then it most likely is not approved for installation. If you have any questions, please contact the District at (530) 891-2882.